

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1935

Time - 10:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Brantley called from the Oklahoma City Office to advise that he has six Agents stationed in the vicinity of Purley, Oklahoma maintaining surveillance in order to effect the apprehension of Harry Campbell in the event Campbell returns to the home of Wynona Burdette's sister, Mildred Jones, at Purley, Oklahoma. Mr. Brantley stated that they have definitely confirmed the fact that Campbell was at Purley, Oklahoma last Sunday night. Mildred Jones is reported to be expecting Campbell to return there sometime this week, possibly Wednesday night.

I informed Mr. Brantley that this lead should receive very careful attention, pointing out that the Cleveland Office had recently obtained information from an informant to the effect that Campbell had returned to Oklahoma. I suggested to Mr. Brantley that the Agents remain in the vicinity of Purley for at least four or five days.

Mr. Brantley stated that he would advise the Bureau of any developments in this situation.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 4047

Laboratory Report

April 30, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-5622

Specimens: Fourteen registration cards of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida signed as follows: Mrs. J. Wagner, Detroit; G. L. Summers, T. C. Blackburn, St. Charles, Ill.; Mrs. E. N. Wagner, City; Mrs. G. E. Ryan, South Bend, Ill.; Mr. Mrs. G. F. Summers; T. C. Blackburn and 1, St. Charles, Ill.; H. C. Waggoner, Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. Mrs. Summers; T. C. Blackburn; Mrs. G. E. Ryan; E. N. Howe, Chicago, Ill.; J. B. Bolton, Chicago, Ill.; J. Roberts; J. B. Bolton, Chicago, Ill.

Examination requested by: Jacksonville Bureau Office

Date received: 4-22-35

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination: Examination by: S. F. Pickering

It is the opinion of the examiner that the signatures "T. C. Blackburn and 1, St. Charles, Ill." and "T. C. Blackburn" are in the handwriting of Fred Barker, (deceased).

The signature "Mrs. G. E. Ryan, South Bend, Ill." has been found to be in the handwriting of Kate Barker, (deceased).

The signatures on the remaining cards have been compared with the signatures appearing on the fingerprint cards of the following individuals: Alvin Karpis, I.O. 1218; Fred Barker, (deceased); Harry Campbell, I.O. 1236; Dolores Delaney, #877715; Kate Barker, (deceased); Arthur Barker, I.O. 1219; William Harrison, I.O. 1239; and Phillip Foster, alias Slim Gray, Bureau #185832, but inasmuch as there are very few letters in common with these various signatures, there was little or no basis for adequate comparison.

The registration cards will be returned within the next several days after photostatic copies have been made for the Bureau files.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida,

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases -  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al;;  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

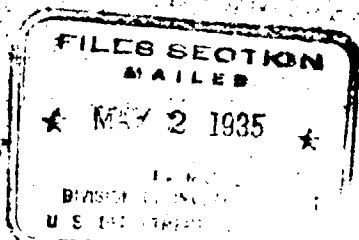
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division April 22, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #312537.

CC - Mr. E. J. Connelley - Cincinnati  
CC - St. Paul



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DIRECTOR

BREKID REPORTER FOR STPAUL PIONEER PRESS STATES UNABLE TO OBTAIN  
 ANY VERIFICATION OF STORY ABOUT ALLEGED CAPTURE OF KARPIS. STATES  
 REPORTER FOR CHICAGO HERALD EXAMINER IN STPAUL IS SENDING NUMEROUS  
 UNFOUNDED STORIES TO CHICAGO UNDER STPAUL DATE LINE AND INDICATIONS  
 ARE THAT HE PREPARED THIS STORY. LOCAL PAPERS NOT CARRYING THIS  
 STORY AND DO NOT INTEND TO.

LADD

END RWM

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*Read to Forward*

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Miss Gandy,

The Director was advised of the telephone call from Mr. Suydam but was not advised of the teletype attached to the call, as I had advised him when talking to him that if there was no foundation for the report, I would not bother him again this evening. cek

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

April 25 1935.

Time 8:15 PM

Name Mr. Suydam tele.

Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nathan.....  
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Details:

Mr. Suydam advised that the Universal Service has a report that Karpis has been captured in the West. I inquired if the exact location or section was known and Mr. Suydam stated that it was not, **RECORDED** would endeavor to ascertain it and call me back. **INDEXED**

8:25 PM Mr. Suydam telephoned and stated that the report emanated from St. Paul and states that Karpis was captured in the East instead of the West, but the exact location was not known. I advised Mr. Suydam that I had not heard anything about it, and he requested to be advised in the event anything developed in this connection. **MAY 10 1935** **7-576-5809**

The above information was furnished to Mr. Foxworth who stated that he did not believe there was anything to be done in view of the indefiniteness of the information.

However, Mr. Quinn read the above call and instructed the writer to telephone St. Paul and inquire if they had any report there or could discreetly find out the source of the report and what there was to it. Accordingly I contacted Mr. Ladd at St. Paul and inquired about this report. He stated that he had not heard about it, but would check up on it and advise the Bureau. cek

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1935.

TDQ:RCL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With regard to the information received from Mr. Suydam on the evening of April 25th relative to the alleged apprehension of Karpis in the West, together with the information that the story emanated from St. Paul, I thought I should advise you what prompted me to request Mr. Kleinkauf to telephonically communicate with the St. Paul Office in order to ascertain whether they had received any similar information. The call was not prompted by the fact that Mr. Suydam had reported the information, but was based solely on the fact that possibly some law enforcement official had, as a matter of fact, apprehended Karpis and would endeavor to keep the information concerning his apprehension secret for a period of days, which might have proved somewhat embarrassing to the Bureau.

I thought if St. Paul had this information they would be able to verify its accuracy through some of their contacts. It also occurred to me that possibly additional inquiries would be made and that you would be in a better position to respond to these inquiries if a definite statement was obtained from St. Paul denying the story.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

May 1, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I. O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I. O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I. O. 1240;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I. O. 1241, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto copy of a letter dated April 26, 1935, received by this office from John C. DeCourcy, Attorney for Arthur "Doc" Barker, which letter makes reference to Ford V-8 Coach, motor No. 1130843, now in the possession of the Chicago Bureau office, as noted in letter from this office to the Bureau dated March 2, 1935.

With the above mentioned letter copies of the petition and District Court Order, Docket No. 44224 ordering that Ford V-8 Coach, motor No. 1130843, is the property of the United States Government, to be delivered and retained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and to be used by same in the regular course of business, were forwarded to the Bureau. Copies of this petition and order are herewith being forwarded to the Cincinnati and St. Paul offices.

In view of the letter of Mr. DeCourcy, it is suggested that the Bureau advise what steps, if any, should be taken by the St. Paul office in response to the request set out in Mr. DeCourcy's letter.

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Very truly yours,

MAY 13 1935

M. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge

MAY 3 1935

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CC-St. Paul (Enc.)

Cincinnati (Enc.)

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*Call them to refer DeCourcy to the custody.*

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JOHN C. DeCOURCY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
COMMERCE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

April 26th, 1935

Agent in Charge,  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

In re: Arthur "Doc" Barker

As you very likely know, I am representing Arthur "Doc" Barker in his defense in the so-called Bremer kidnapping case.

At the time of his arrest, his Ford automobile, motor No. 1130843, registered in the name of J. B. Bolton, was confiscated by your office in Chicago on January 8th, 1935.

Under date of February 15th, 1935, John Edgar Hoover, director of your department at Washington, wrote me as follows:

"I am advised that appropriate steps are being taken to return to your client, Arthur Barker, the personal effects and money which were in his possession at the time of his apprehension by Agents of this Bureau in Chicago, Illinois".

I have a Bill of Sale and a general Power of Attorney from Mr. Barker of all his personal property, and as a consequence, I wish that you would kindly inform me what steps you require me to take before re-possessing this property.

Respectfully,

(S) John C. DeCourcy  
John C. DeCourcy

JCD:M

7-576-5810

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

v )

No. 44224 )

ONE FORD V 8 COACH, )  
1934 MODEL, MOTOR No. 1130843 )

O R D E R

Upon reading the petition of DWIGHT H. GREEN, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, thereof, and it appearing to the Court that the true owner of the said Ford V 8 Coach referred to in the said petition is a person unknown and a person who aided and abetted one Russell Gibson, alias Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, who was a fugitive from justice, now deceased, to evade arrest:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said Ford V 8 Coach, 1934 Model, Motor No. 1130843, be, and the same hereby is declared to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the said Ford V 8 Coach aforesaid, be, and the same hereby is ordered to be delivered to and retained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to be used by the said Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in the regular course of business.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois,

ENTER:

United States District Judge

this day of February, A.D. 1935.

7-576-5810



C O P Y

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

ONE FORD V 8 COACH,  
1934 MODEL, MOTOR NO. 1130843 )

D. C. No. 44224

PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION THEREOF:

Your petitioner, Dwight H. Green, United States Attorney

for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division thereof,  
respectfully represents to this Honorable Court that on, to wit,  
the 8th day of January, A.D. 1935, R. C. Suran and S. K. McKee,  
Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States  
Department of Justice, in the Division and District aforesaid,  
did find and take possession of one Ford V 8 Coach, 1934 Model,  
Motor No. 1130843.

Your petitioner further represents that the said Ford  
V 8 Coach was abandoned by one Russell Gibson, alias Roy Gray,  
alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, now deceased, then a  
fugitive from justice, and that the said motor vehicle was used  
by the said Russell Gibson, alias Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias  
R. Gray Evans, in furtherance of his plan and scheme to evade  
capture by the Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation,

United States Department of Justice, and to aid and abet him in fleeing from justice and that on or about the 8th day of January, A. D. 1935, said motor vehicle aforesaid, was abandoned at Chicago, Illinois.

Your petitioner further represents that the said Special Agents investigated and caused to be investigated the title of the said motor vehicle, and that from said investigation made by themselves and other members of the said Department of Justice, it was found that the said motor vehicle was purchased in Cicero, Illinois, by one J. B. Bolton, whose true identity is unknown, and that the said motor vehicle was purchased by the said unknown person to aid and abet the said Russell Gibson, alias Roy Gray, alias Slim Gray, alias R. Gray Evans, in his plan and scheme to evade arrest by the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and to aid and abet him in fleeing from justice.

Your petitioner further states that the said motor vehicle has been in the possession of the said United States Department of Justice since the 8th day of January, A.D. 1935, and that the storage charges on said motor vehicle are increasing daily.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that an order be entered declaring the said Ford motor vehicle aforesaid, to be owned by the United States of America as against all persons excepting the true owner thereof, and that the said motor vehicle be retained by and delivered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to be used by the said Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice in their regular course of business.

United States Attorney.

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS)  
EASTERN DIVISION ) SS

S. K. McKEE, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says, that he has read the above and foregoing petition, knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to his own knowledge, excepting as matters therein said to be on information and belief, and as to these matters he believes it to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this            day of February, A.D. 1935.

Notary Public

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May 11, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

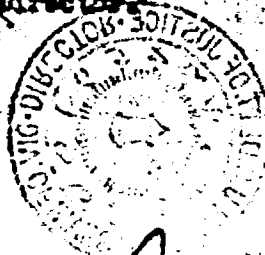
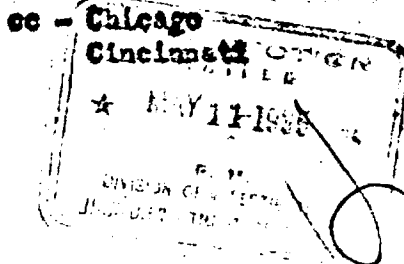
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter dated May 1, 1935 from the Chicago Office to the Bureau, with which were inclosed two copies of a letter from the office of Mr. John C. DeCourcy, attorney for Arthur "Doc" Barker, dated April 26, 1935, together with copies of the Petition and District Court Order, Docket No. 44224, ordering that Ford V-8 Coach, motor No. 1130845, is the property of the United States Government.

In view of the letter of Mr. DeCourcy, the Bureau desires that the St. Paul Office refer him to the United States Attorney at St. Paul relative to the request contained in his letter of April 26, 1935, addressed to the Chicago Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



*E. J. Connelley*  
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DIRECTOR

BREKID INFORMATION FURNISHED CHICAGO OFFICE SIMON CINOTTO MAKING STATEMENTS TO EFFECT HE PULLED FAST ONE ON GOVERNMENT BY NOT BEING MADE TO TELL ALL HE KNEW CONCERNING KIDNAPING, ALSO INFERRING IN REMARKS THAT HE PLAYED SOME PART IN PASSING RANSOM MONEY. CINOTTO TO BE QUESTIONED AT THIS OFFICE TOMORROW UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY.

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*Read to Mr. Tamm  
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Post Office Box 818  
Chicago, Illinois

May 1, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218, FUGITIVE;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
HARRY GAYLER, with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

On April 30, 1935 informant [redacted] was interviewed and he stated that for the past ten years he has known a man named "Duke", who is presently employed as a porter at the Grand Hotel, located over the Hy-Ho Club at Cicero, Illinois. He described this "Duke" as being approximately 35 years of age, 5'8" in height, of medium build, having light brown hair and fair complexion. He stated that "Duke" formerly was employed as a bartender at the Hy-Ho Club when it was operated by the Pizzo brothers. The club at that time was called the Cinema Club and it was while the club was operated by the Pizzo brothers that it advertised the fact that no refreshments and sandwiches would cost more than 25¢. [redacted] in her interview at Kansas City, undoubtedly had reference to the Hy-Ho Club when it was operated under the name of the Cinema Club.

[redacted] stated that he is well-acquainted with this man named "Duke" and he believes he can ascertain whether any persons considered by the criminal element as being "hot" have been frequenting the Hy-Ho Club or living upstairs in the Grand Hotel.

It was not believed advisable at this time to specifically inform [redacted] as to the persons wanted, but he stated that he believed that he could ascertain in general whether any badly wanted criminals had been frequenting the Hy-Ho Club or the Grand Hotel.

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another [redacted] stated a few days ago that he was likewise acquainted with a man named "Duke" and pointed this man out to Special Agent D. P. Sullivan in front of 7117 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn, Illinois. "Duke" is supposed to operate a bookmaking establishment at this address. However, inquiry of the rental agent failed to disclose any information indicating that a "Duke" was known at this establishment. Further investigation will be made in this matter, however.

[redacted] further stated that on or about November 1, 1934, while he was visiting the Gallichios, Russell Gibson was present and gave to one of the Gallichios some money to pay for repairs done on his Ford Sedan, which he had that day left at Dempsey's Ford Sales Agency, located at Madison and Oakley Streets.

[redacted] further stated that Joe Gallichio had mentioned on one occasion that he had met members of the Karpis-Barker gang at or after midnight at the Triangle Restaurant located at Dearborn and Randolph Streets, Chicago. [redacted] under questioning, stated that the Gallichios spoke as though this had been the custom in the past and he did not know the Triangle Restaurant was a meeting place at the present time should the Gallichios be in touch with any members of the Karpis-Barker gang. [redacted] further stated that neither the Gallichios or Sam Menno had made any mention in the past month of having contacted any members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

For your information [redacted] pointed out the address 838 South Winchester Street as the address where Joe and Frank Gallichio, with their wives, are presently residing. This house is located in a squalid and apparently disreputable residential neighborhood, occupied apparently almost wholly by Italians. From examination of the neighborhood it does not appear that a surveillance of this house could be made.

Informant [redacted] advised that contrary to previous information John R. "Babs" Moran and Bill Curran were expected to visit a gambling place at Newport, Kentucky. [redacted] stated this was the only gambling place in that town; that Moran and Curran, to his knowledge, would not frequent the Log Cabin Tavern at Jeffersonville, Indiana. [redacted] stated that a day or two after Curran and Moran left Chicago he received a long distance telephone call from Curran, who he believes was in Cincinnati at the time; that Curran offered him a job in the

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above-mentioned gambling place at Newport, Kentucky, which job he,  
[redacted] refused. [redacted] stated that he believed that Curran has an  
interest in this gambling place.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Bureau  
St. Paul



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

RW:PS  
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April 16, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. No. 1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telephone conversations of April 15 and 16 with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau relative to the surveillance of Frank Foster, alias Frank Frost, which has been maintained since Foster's return to New York from Miami, Florida, about ten days ago.

There are attached hereto memoranda prepared by Special Agents R. H. Emory and F. G. McGeary, who conducted the surveillance last night, at which time Foster was lost in the Pennsylvania station in New York after leaving the ticket window.

I am also attaching a memorandum of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson of this office who was sent to the Pennsylvania station to handle the situation immediately upon receipt of advice from the Agents concerning this matter.

It is believed that the attached memoranda adequately reflect the activities of the two Agents conducting the surveillance during which they lost Foster and the efforts which were subsequently made to ascertain the time of his departure and his destination. The Agents have advised that none of the members of his party had any baggage with them at the time of their departure from their apartment, and that Foster had no baggage at the time he entered the station and went to the ticket window where he was last seen. This would indicate that he possibly was not intending to travel far or be gone for any extended period of time.

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As a result of the telephone surveillance being maintained

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on the telephone in Foster's apartment, information has been secured today, as a result of a conversation which Foster's alleged wife had with an unknown party, that Foster is returning to New York tonight. This would further indicate that his destination was not far from New York; that he did not proceed to Cleveland, Ohio; and in view of the information set forth in the attached memorandum prepared by Agent Nicholson, it appears highly probable that Foster, after leaving the ticket window in the Pennsylvania station, took the 8:00 P. M. train to Philadelphia, Pa.

As a result of my conversation with the Agents relative to this matter, I am of the opinion that the surveillance presented no unusual difficulties and that it should have been an easy matter for the Agents, after observing Foster at the ticket window in the Pennsylvania station, to ascertain to what point his ticket was purchased. Agent McGeary, who was handling this angle of the surveillance, states that he proceeded immediately to the window as soon as Foster left same and secured the information from the ticket agent, which subsequently proved to be erroneous. It may be that the ticket agent inadvertently furnished the incorrect information, and it is also possible that Agent McGeary did not make the nature and purpose of his inquiry sufficiently clear to the ticket agent, although there is no information available from the ticket seller or Agent indicating that this was the case. I am of the opinion that Agent McGeary was a little too cautious and possibly remained at too great a distance while Foster was at the ticket window and delayed his approach to the ticket window too long after Foster had left same, thus making it difficult to identify to the ticket agent the party in whom he was interested.

I have discussed this matter at length with the Agents and have pointed out, for their future guidance and assistance, the errors in judgment which I believe were committed in this particular surveillance which resulted in their losing Foster. The Agents thoroughly realize the importance of such surveillances being successfully conducted and the possible serious consequences which might result from losing the subject of a surveillance at a time when he might be preparing to make the expected contact.

In view of the above, I do not believe that the incident warrants any further administrative action.

Very truly yours,  
*R. Whitley*  
R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

NEW YORK CITY

April 16, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218-  
FUGITIVE, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Special Agent R. M. Emory was on duty in Apartment 4B at 150 West 58th Street, New York City, on April 15, 1935, with Special Agent V. C. McGeary, maintaining a surveillance of Frank Foster, who occupies Apartment 13D at 145 West 58th Street.

Shortly after 7:00 P.M. Agent Emory answered a phone call from Special Agent R. M. Austin from Apartment 13 C, 145 West 58th Street, stating that a phone conversation had been overheard with the occupants of Apartment 13D to the effect that Frank Foster will leave New York City for a few days after having dinner with the other occupants of the apartment, namely, Harry, Dorothy and Blanche.

The agents in Apartment 4B, 150 West 58th Street, immediately prepared to tail the group when they left 145 West 58th Street. When they left the apartment Agents Emory and McGeary were on the south side of West 58th Street and saw the group come out of the apartment, noting that Frank Foster was a member of the group. They proceeded to Harry's car, a Pontiac sedan, California license 1 X 8928, whereupon Agents Emory and McGeary obtained a taxicab and followed the Pontiac along Sixth Avenue to West 57th Street, west on West 57th Street to Eighth Avenue, south on Eighth Avenue to 31st Street, where they turned east and pulled in to the north curb of 31st Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, alongside of the Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

Agents Emory and McGeary dismissed the cab and entered the station where they saw Frank Foster go to the ticket window, and Harry, Dorothy and Blanche, remained near the Pullman exhibit alongside of the stairway leading from the street into the station. Agent Emory ascertained that Agent McGeary saw Frank Foster at the ticket window and instructed him

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that immediately upon Foster's leaving the window he, McGarry, was to ascertain from the clerk the destination, train, car and reservation number obtained by Foster.

Agent Emory secured a cab, which was stationed near the Pontiac sedan. When the group did not appear Agent Emory returned to the doorway and ascertained that Agent McGarry was at the ticket window obtaining information. He then returned to the street and requested the taxi driver to also watch for Foster and his friends to come out to the car. In the meantime, Agent Emory made several trips through the entrance and observed that Agent McGarry was still at the window. Agent McGarry had been instructed that Agent Emory would follow Foster and his friends who apparently were going to dinner and that he, McGarry, call Apartment 13C, 145 West 58th Street, to ascertain Agent Emory's whereabouts. However, Agent McGarry appeared before the group came out of the station. Agent Emory ascertained that Agent McGarry had obtained the reservation and instructed him to call the office immediately, which he did.

Agent McGarry stated that he observed Foster enter the restaurant in the station alone. Leaving Agent McGarry to watch the Pontiac sedan, Agent Emory went into the station, looking around for Foster and his friends and, not finding them, returned to the 31st Street exit near the taxicab and Pontiac sedan. While standing there Harry, Dorothy and Blanche came out of the station at the same entrance. Harry looked around the street and said "He's not around here". They then proceeded to their automobile and Agents Emory and McGarry entered the taxicab and followed the Pontiac sedan. Upon reaching West 75th Street and Broadway, Agent Emory instructed Agent McGarry to continue following the Pontiac sedan and Agent Emory obtained another taxicab and returned to the station. A thorough search of the waiting rooms, lavatories and other parts of the station was made by Agent Emory, who did not see Frank Foster.

While walking around, Agent Emory observed Agent Morgan enter the station with a grip, and later Agent Nicholson.

The information obtained at the ticket window by Agent McGarry was that Foster had made reservation on the train leaving for Cleveland.

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at 9:30. It was agreed among Agents Nicholson, Morgan and Emory that Agent Emory would cover the track entrance to the train, Agent Nicholson would cover the Pullman reservation booth in the rotunda of the station, and Agent Morgan would look for Foster in the station.

Agent Emory was at the gate leading to the train and ascertained from the gateman that it would be open at 9:05 P.M. and that there was no other way of boarding the train except through this gate. Agent Emory observed the people going through the gate, being approximately eight or ten feet from it. Frank Foster was not seen to enter and, at 9:25, Agent Morgan boarded the train and was to observe the occupant of the reservation reported by Agent McGeary. After the gate was closed and the train left, Agent Morgan returned and informed Agent Emory that the occupant of the reservation was a man who appeared to be between fifty and sixty years of age, had white hair and walked with a limp. This description in no way corresponds to that of Frank Foster.

Agent Emory then watched other trains until approximately 11:30 P.M., while Agents Nicholson and Morgan checked up on the reservations on the different trains and the reservation reported by Agent McGeary. Agent McGeary had returned to the station at approximately 8:30 or 8:45 and stated that he had lost the Pontiac automobile in the neighborhood of West 106th Street and Broadway.

It might be added that Agent Emory ascertained that Agent McGeary saw Frank Foster at the ticket window in the station and recognized him and saw Agent McGeary standing near Foster until Foster had obtained the reservation and left the window, at which time Agent McGeary was seen to approach the window.

R. H. EMORY,  
Special Agent.

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

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April 18, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Agent has been stationed on plant at 150 West 58th Street, in order to determine the activities of Frank Foster, with the anticipation that he may contact Harry Sawyer.

Last night, about 8:30 P. M., while Agents Emery and McGeary were on duty at 150 West 58th Street, they received a call from Apartment 13-C, which is in the same building as Frank Foster's apartment, and were advised that Foster's apartment had received a 'phone call and during the course of conversation it was disclosed that Frank Foster was to leave the city for a few days. It is believed that the other party in this 'phone conversation was Harry Williams, who has been staying in Foster's apartment for about the last ten days.

About 8:50 P. M. Harry Williams and his wife drove up to the apartment at 150 West 58th Street in Williams' car, which is a Pontiac coach with California license number 1-X-8928. They entered the apartment, and about fifteen minutes later Frank Foster, his wife, Harry Williams and his wife came out of the apartment and entered the car of Harry Williams. Agents Emery and McGeary tailed this car in a taxicab to the Pennsylvania Station, where the four occupants of the Pontiac coach entered the Station, and Agents saw Frank Foster at a ticket window, presumably purchasing a railroad ticket. After Foster left the window he walked upstairs and entered the Savarin Lunch Room, at which time Agent McGeary walked to the ticket window to determine the destination for which ticket was purchased. This window was No. 28, and the ticket clerk advised Agent that he had sold a ticket to one Chapin Hoskins, address 120 Fifth Avenue, to Cleveland, Ohio, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, which train was to leave the Station at 9:30 P. M.; that he also sold a Pullman reservation to this person to Pittsburgh, Pa., which was Lower 10 on Car 12. The ticket agent further advised Agent McGeary that this party was to attend a convention at Cleveland of the American Management Association.

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After obtaining this information, Agent McGeary met Agent Emery outside of the Pennsylvania Station, who was watching the car of Harry Williams, and also advised this office by telephone.

About 7:45 P. M., Harry Williams, his wife, and Mrs. Foster came out of the Pennsylvania Station and entered the Williams car and drove off. Agents Emery and McGeary tailed this car in a taxi to 95th Street, where Agent Emery left the cab and returned to the Pennsylvania Station in order to attempt to pick up the tail of Frank Foster. Agent McGeary continued to tail the Pontiac coach to about 95th Street, where it stopped and double-parked on Broadway, and Harry Williams entered a drug store. Agent McGeary believed that the parties in the Pontiac coach had become suspicious due to the fact that the same cab had tailed that car from the Pennsylvania Station to where it stopped. The cab in which Agent was riding turned left on 95th Street and came back on Broadway to 94th Street, at which time Agent McGeary dismissed this cab and took a different cab to continue the tail. Due to traffic and traffic lights the Pontiac coach was lost sight of at 106th Street, at which time Agent dismissed the cab and called the office, thereafter returning to the Pennsylvania Station by subway.

At the Pennsylvania Station, Agent met Agents Nicholson, Morgan and Emery, and after a search of the Station for Frank Foster Agent watched the Pullman reservation check stand until 11:30 P.M., but Frank Foster was not found.

It is Agent's opinion that Frank Foster either left the Station to meet Harry Williams at some other place, or that he took an early train a few minutes after he entered the Station and bought a ticket.

F. G. McGeary,  
Special Agent.

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

April 16, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fug., et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Referring to the surveillance of Frank Foster, alias Frank Frost, who is presently residing at the Maurice Apartment Hotel, 145 West 58th Street, please be informed that on the evening of April 15, 1935, having been advised that Frank Foster had purchased a ticket to Cleveland, Ohio, at approximately 7:30 P.M. and had a reservation in Car 12, berth lower #10, on the Pennsylvania Railroad train leaving the Pennsylvania Station at 9:30 P.M., and also being informed that the agents who were keeping Frank Foster under surveillance apparently had lost him in the Pennsylvania Station, agent proceeded to the Pennsylvania Station, arriving there at approximately 8:40 P.M. Upon arriving at the station, agent was unable to locate either Agent Emory or Agent McGeary, who had been keeping Foster under surveillance. While attempting to locate either Emory or McGeary, agent observed Agent Morgan, who had arrived in the station prepared to leave for Cleveland, Ohio. A reservation was immediately made for Morgan in Car 12, being lower berth #1, on the 9:30 train for Cleveland, Ohio.

A systematic search was then started by Agent Morgan and this agent, and shortly thereafter Agent Emory appeared and informed this agent that the car in which Frost had been driven to the station departed from the station at approximately 8:13 P.M., and that he and Agent McGeary had followed this car in a taxi to the station, Agent McGeary continuing in the taxi following the car in which Frost arrived at the Pennsylvania Station, and which then contained Frost's wife and the couple who are visiting the Frosts.

Agent having made a systematic search of the Pennsylvania Station and not locating Frost, it was ascertained that the 9:30 train leaving for Cleveland, Ohio is not placed on the tracks until 9:00 P.M. and arrangements were made to cover both the Pullman counter where the Pullman reservations are checked and the train itself.

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Through this method it was definitely ascertained that Frost did not enter the train until shortly before the train left, and Agent Morgan boarded the train and informed this agent that he had observed the individual occupying lower berth #10 in Car 12, and that this party was not Foster.

At 9:20 P.M. there was also a Pennsylvania train departing for the New England states and Montreal, Canada, and all passengers boarding this train were also observed, with negative results.

Following the departure of the 9:30 train for Cleveland, Ohio, it having been definitely ascertained that Fister did not occupy lower berth #10 in Car 12, agent, through the information booth, ascertained that the only other train which had departed from the Pennsylvania Station between the time of Foster's arrival at approximately 7:30 P.M. and 9:30 P.M. were the following trains:

7:45 P.M. to Cleveland, Ohio  
8:00 P.M. to Philadelphia, Pa.  
8:45 P.M. to Buffalo, Detroit and Chicago  
9:20 P.M. to New England states and Montreal  
9:30 P.M. to Cleveland, Ohio

The latter two of the above trains were covered as set out heretofore in this memorandum.

Following the departure of the train, agent contacted Mr. George Spencer in an effort to ascertain whether or not Foster had made other reservations, bearing in mind that he might have departed for Cleveland, Ohio on the 7:45 train, which would be shortly after his arrival at the Pennsylvania Station. While agent contacted Inspector Spencer, the gates leading to the trains, as well as the Pullman counter, were covered by Agents Morgan, McGeary and Emory. Inspector Spencer, after contacting the Pullman representatives, advised that names are not retained on the Pullman reservations; that although reservations are held by name, as soon as the reservation is obtained, the ticket number which the individual possesses is inserted on the Pullman chart and the name is discarded. It was therefore, impossible to ascertain whether or not Foster had any reservation on any other train.

With Inspector Spencer, agent contacted the ticket agent, W. W. Davis, at window #25, which is the window at which Agent McGeary informed this agent that Foster had purchased his ticket. Davis recalled McGeary making inquiry at this window. He stated that the

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individual who had purchased a ticket immediately prior to these inquiries by Agent McGeary had purchased a round-trip ticket to Cleveland, Ohio on a convention form, and indicated that his name was Chapin Hoskins, 120 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and that he was going to attend the convention of the American Management Association at Cleveland, Ohio on April 18 and 19. Through pamphlets in the possession of the ticket agent, it was ascertained that such a convention is being held in Cleveland on April 18 and 19. Mr. Davis explained that the convention ticket form which was filled out by the individual giving his name as Hoskins entitles the purchaser to a return trip at one-third fare, providing the form is signed by the secretary of the association which is holding the convention. Davis also informed that although Hoskins made arrangements for this round trip ticket to and from Cleveland, Ohio, he had made a Pullman reservation in Car 12, lower berth #10, only to Pittsburgh, Pa., indicating that he was stopping off at Pittsburgh for a day or so before proceeding to Cleveland.

It would appear, inasmuch as the individual giving his name as Chapin Hoskins had filled out a round trip convention form ticket to Cleveland, Ohio, which, to be of any value on the return trip, must be signed by the secretary of the association holding the convention, and further, that since there actually is a convention of the American Management Association being held at Cleveland, Ohio on April 18 and 19, that Hoskins is not identical with Foster.

The Pullman counter and gates leading to all trains were covered by agents until approximately 11:30 P.M., with negative results, at which time all agents at the Pennsylvania Station returned to the office.

*D. L. Nicholson*  
D. L. NICHOLSON,  
Special Agent.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

Re: Bremer Case

For record purposes, this is to advise that I telephoned Mr. Bennetts at 9:40 A.M. this date in an effort to secure information concerning one McBride, relative to whom Special Agent in Charge Dowd makes inquiry in his letter of April 22, 1935. Mr. Bennetts referred me to Miss Grant, whom I called on extension 255 at 9:45 A.M. and who somewhat begrudgingly stated that she would attempt to secure some information concerning this individual.

After discussing this matter with Mr. Newby and being informed that McBride's identity is known to the Bureau, I telephoned Miss Grant at 10:00 A.M. and advised her that she might disregard my previous request.

Respectfully,

*G. N. Lowdon*  
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May 2, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING

During the afternoon of May 1, 1935, Special Assistant to the Attorney General Walter Barlow, who will conduct the prosecutions of certain persons charged with harboring and concealing members of this mob in the Southern District of Florida, in a conversation with Special Agent S. K. McKee, requested that the War record of Joseph H. Adams, one of the Florida defendants in this case, be obtained from the files of the War Department as soon as possible. Adams is believed to have enlisted in the Army under his correct name, Joseph H. Adams. He was born October 19, 1893, at Spring Grove, Kentucky. It is believed that he enlisted in Etowah, Tennessee. His mother, Mrs. Laura Adams, resides in Etowah. During the War he served overseas in the 326th Engineers.

It will be remembered that during the investigation of this case in Miami, Florida, last January, Agents recovered a Browning Automatic Rifle; this rifle, according to Adams' own statement was given to him for safe keeping by William Harrison. Mr. Barlow desires all the information shown in Adams' War record relative to his training while in the Army and particularly with reference to any training given him in the handling of Browning Automatic Rifles, since Adams has stated that he knew nothing about this gun, did not know that it was an automatic rifle, knew nothing of its use nor of its mechanism.

It has been indicated that when Adams is brought to trial, he will testify that he did not know what type of gun Harrison had given him, believing it was simply an ordinary weapon.

The above investigation should be conducted as soon as possible and four copies of the report forwarded to the Jacksonville Office.

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 314,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I. O. 1218, Fugitive, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping, etc.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto please find copy of a report submitted by  
Special Agent John E. Lunsford, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, April  
30, 1935, which indicates that a postal telegram was sent from Atlanta,  
Georgia, by Ben Johnson, to Joe Adams in Miami, Florida, April 9, 1935.

For your information, please be advised, the telegram read as  
follows:

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LOOKED OVER YOUR FUTURE HOME TODAY EVERYTHING READY  
FOR YOU FOR A GOOD LONG STAY REGARDS TO KARPIS

Ben Johnson"

Today this office received a telegram from the Bureau which ad-  
vised that the specimen of handwriting on the message from Johnson to  
Adams has many similarities to the writing of Volney Davis.

The above information was communicated to Special Agent John E.  
Lunsford of your office by telephone today, at which time he was in-  
structed to conduct a thoro investigation in the vicinity of the Terminal  
station of Atlanta, from which point the telegram was sent, for the pur-  
pose of ascertaining if the message was sent by Davis, other subjects or  
suspects in this case.

Very truly yours,

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CC; Bureau

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1935

Time - 9<sup>30</sup>

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case

I telephoned Mr. Connelley at the Cincinnati Office and informed him that I had just received a telephone call from Mr. Magee from Gulfport, Mississippi, to the effect that he has just taken into custody Harry Sawyer and his wife. I told him that while I had not had an opportunity to get in touch with the Director to advise him of this, it appears that we will have to arraign Sawyer the first thing in the morning, the reasons being that there were two police officers in on the raid, both of whom have trouble in keeping official secrets to themselves; further, that Sawyer had a couple of fellows working for him in the bar room which he was operating who know that Sawyer was arrested.

I mentioned that while the possibilities are rather remote that Sawyer is or was in touch with the rest of the gang while he was down in this little town, we had gone over to Gulfport on two or three occasions on leads on Dr. Moran. I also informed Mr. Connelley that I had been advised by Mr. Shivers of the Little Rock Office that he, Shivers, was proceeding to Marked Tree, Arkansas on a lead on Alvin Karpis. I also informed him that this morning the First National Bank at Fort Smith, Arkansas was robbed by more than three individuals, who got about \$10,000.

I told Mr. Connelley that it was my opinion that someone who is thoroughly familiar with the above case should question Sawyer, and in this regard, as soon as I had contacted the Director, I would call him, Connelley, and let him know what the Director wants to do about it.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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May 4, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you of the departure  
for Cleveland, Ohio today at 12:30 A.M. of Special  
Agent Lee F. Malone, in connection with the sur-  
veillance of Alice Conrad in the Bremer kidnaping  
case, in accordance with instructions of Mr. E. A.  
Tamm of the Bureau.

Special Agent Malone will return to  
New York immediately upon arriving at Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
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ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1218, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

The lead submitted for the attention of the Pittsburgh Office in report prepared by Special Agent H. Ranstad at Washington, D. C., April 25, 1935, is being disregarded.

The investigation requested was originally conducted and reported under date of March 9, 1935, by Special Agent D. DiLillo of this office. The report of Agent DiLillo sets out that Cashier's Checks ostensibly issued by Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and found in the possession of Cassius K. McDonald were not genuine and that McDonald is not known by officials of, and had at no time dealings with, Mellon National Bank.

Very truly yours,

DD/MMM

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CC - St. Paul  
Washington Field  
Chicago  
Bureau ✓

C. K. FERSTONE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 612  
Chicago Illinois

May 2, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237;  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240;  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING and OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

There are attached hereto copies of reports of Special Agent  
J. L. Fallon, Philadelphia, Pa., dated April 25, 1935, Chicago serial  
No. K-7-82-3162; R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Mo., dated April 25, 1935,  
Chicago serial No. K-7-82-3335C, copies of which reports were not pre-  
viously forwarded to your office.

Very truly yours,

DLS/EJB  
Enclosures  
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- St. Paul

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
Apr. 30, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping  
L. A. File 7-42

Dear Sir:

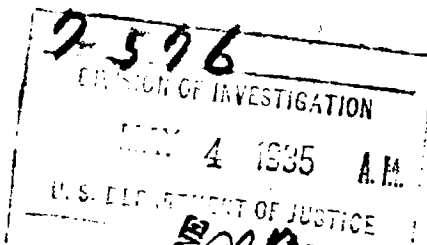
In accordance with letter dated April 24, 1935,  
from the Detroit Bureau Office to the Bureau, there is  
transmitted herewith one copy of the report of Special  
Agent E. J. Gechan, dated Los Angeles, Calif., April 8,  
1935.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc: Bureau ✓  
Mr. Connelley  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul



Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

JRH:ML  
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May 3, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O.#1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM  
WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY  
SANTER, with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM  
J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1239;  
MYRTLE DEATON, with aliases, I.O.#1241.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter addressed  
to Special Agent J. H. Hanson at Miami Beach, Florida, dated  
April 18, 1935, with enclosures from the State Department  
dated April 6, 1935, being the translations of reports pre-  
pared by the Cuban Technical Police and Judicial Police  
authorities relative to Cassius Michael McDonald.

Attached hereto is one copy of each of the en-  
closures forwarded to Special Agent Hanson with the Bureau  
letter of reference. There are being forwarded to you for  
transmittal to the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida.  
It is presumed that you have received one copy of these en-  
closures for your file.

Very truly yours,

Encls.  
cc: Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Birmingham

R. Whitley,

Special Agent in Charge. MAY 4 1935

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
April 30, 1935

John J. Ryan, Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is being inclosed a letter addressed to  
Wynona Burdette, Jacksonville, Florida, care of Department  
of Justice, postmarked Ponca City, Oklahoma, 8:30 A.M.,  
April 23, 1935, signed "H1".

This letter appears to be from an old flame of  
Wynona Burdette, and is of no importance to this office  
from an investigative standpoint. It is accordingly being  
transmitted to you for delivery to Wynona Burdette.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

May 4, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent R. D. Brown, who is under subpoena in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case in this office at the present time, requests authority to use his personally owned automobile for his transportation from Chicago, Illinois, to Cleveland, Ohio, upon his release by the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City, Missouri  
April 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NATHAN:

I am setting out herein the facts regarding certain mail matter which was obtained by Agents of this office under my direction from the Acting Postmaster at Raytown, Missouri, the mail having been received addressed to "George Lawrence Harper, Post Office Box 12, Raytown, Missouri".

During the course of the investigation looking to the apprehension of Volney Davis, badly wanted as a Fugitive in the Bremer kidnaping case, it was determined, on or about February 4, 1935, that Davis had engaged the above Post Office Box at Raytown. Prior to his apprehension on February 6, 1935, contact had been had by Agents of this office with the Acting Postmaster, and his cooperation in bringing about the apprehension of the Fugitive had been enlisted. He had appeared entirely cooperative.

Subsequent to Davis' apprehension and escape from the custody of Agents of this office contact was maintained with the Acting Postmaster, and on at least two occasions he communicated with this office, advising that mail matter had been received addressed to Harper. He was aware of the fact that Harper was an alias used by a desperate fugitive and that we were extremely interested in any possible lead as to his location.

When advised by the Acting Postmaster that mail was at the Post Office addressed to Harper, I instructed, on one occasion, Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, and on another Special Agent V. I. Parry, to proceed to Raytown and to determine whether the mail was of any value, obtaining it if agreeable to the Postmaster. Five pieces of mail were obtained by Agent Shanahan and one by Agent Parry, and they were brought to me at the Kansas City Office.

Inasmuch as this office was extremely desirous of bringing about the location and apprehension of this Fugitive, I, in my eagerness to follow out every possible lead, overlooked the strict requirement against obtaining or examining mail matter of this character, and endeavored to find in the mail any leads of value in the case. This action was taken by me rather than by any of the Agents assigned to the Kansas City Office. I was certain, under the circumstances, that Volney Davis would never call for this mail at Raytown, he knowing that we were aware of his identity as a renter of the Post Office Box, and my purpose in securing the mail as

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indicated was to secure information therefrom as to the identity of known associates of Davis, and, of course, in matters of this kind time may well be a vital factor. I now realize fully that this action on my part was incorrect and I am not attempting to reflect otherwise in the explanation of all the circumstances that I am affording the Bureau. My actions were due to my enthusiastic desire to accomplish the apprehension of this criminal, rather than to any wish to purposely violate any existing statute. As a matter of fact, I overlooked for the time being the existence of the Statute in question. The Bureau may be certain that I will not permit this action to be again taken by any of the Agents under my jurisdiction, and it will not be taken by myself.

*R. B. Nathan*

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R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

RBN:os

Kansas City, Missouri  
April 18, 1935.

Received from R. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
the following communications, all addressed to George Lawrence  
Harper or G. L. Harper, at Box 12, Raytown, Missouri:

Letter postmarked Kansas City, Missouri,  
February 6, 1935, from Dwight H. Brown,  
Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Registra-  
tion Department, 1423 Oak Street, Kansas  
City, Missouri.

Postcard postmarked Detroit, Michigan,  
February 9, 1935, from Thomas L. West,  
President, care Washington Training Bureau,  
Inc., Washington Boulevard Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Letter postmarked Denver, Colorado,  
February 15, 1935, with return address  
724 - 24th Street, Denver, Colorado.

Letter postmarked Portland, Oregon,  
February 19, 1935, from Mrs. Jerry  
Woolenseck, 2909 N.W. Northrup, Portland,  
Oregon.

Letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
February 23, 1935, with the return address:  
601 Adams Street, N.E., Minneapolis,  
Minnesota.

Letter postmarked St. Louis, Missouri,  
March 7, 1935, with no return address.

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Kansas City, Missouri  
April 18, 1935

The following memorandum concerning the securing of one piece of first class mail from the Raytown, Missouri, Post Office is being submitted by this Agent at the request of Assistant Director Harold Nathan.

On March 12, 1935, this Agent was advised by Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan to proceed to the Raytown, Missouri, Post Office and there secure one letter addressed to George Lawrence Harper, Post Office Box 12, Raytown, Missouri, and deliver the same to the Kansas City Bureau office.

Upon entering the Raytown, Missouri, Post Office, which is a combined Post Office and general store, the writer inquired of a young man there if he were the Postmaster and upon receiving an answer in the affirmative, displayed his credentials to this man, whereupon this party walked around behind the grille work of the Post Office division in this store and reaching into one of the boxes laid a letter on the shelf before the writer. It was this Agent's intention to request from the Postmaster a certain letter addressed to George Lawrence Harper, but the above transaction took place before the writer could ask for this letter. Agent proceeded to put the letter in his pocket and leave, but the Postmaster or party who said he was Postmaster requested a receipt for same, saying that he had been furnished receipts for other mail delivered to Agents of this office. The writer then wrote out a receipt stating that one letter addressed to George Lawrence Harper and postmarked St. Louis, Missouri, on a certain date, had been received by the writer. The writer signed his name as Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and the letter was then brought to Mr. Nathan at the Kansas City Bureau office.

At the time the order was received from Mr. R. B. Nathan to secure this letter, the writer understood that it was a viola-

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tion of the law to take possession of first class mail matter, but the writer did not question this order, inasmuch as he assumed that arrangements had been made for Agents of this office to secure any mail addressed to Post Office Box 12, Raytown, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

*V. I. Parry*  
V. I. PARRY,  
Special Agent.

VIP:B

Kansas City, Missouri  
April 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR HAROLD NATHAN.

In compliance with the request of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, I am submitting herewith all the facts surrounding the obtaining of first class mail from the Raytown, Missouri, Post Office during the month of February, 1935, in connection with an official investigation looking to the apprehension of Volney Davis, a fugitive being sought by this Bureau.

On February 4, 1935, it was learned through inquiries made through the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of Missouri that one G. L. Harper, which name at that time was thought to be a possible alias of Volney Davis, was residing at Raytown, Missouri, Post Office Box 12. Accordingly, immediate inquiries were made by the undersigned for the purpose of obtaining, if possible, any additional information concerning this subject. On that date no identification of the picture of Volney Davis could be made by Acting Postmaster, Mr. Muir, and, accordingly, the request was made of him that immediate notification be given the Kansas City Bureau office in the event any mail was received for G. L. Harper, addressed to Post Office Box 12, Raytown, Missouri. Approximately two weeks later this office was notified, by telephone, by Mr. Muir that five pieces of mail had been received at the Raytown, Missouri, Post Office addressed to Mr. Harper at Post Office Box 12. Thereupon, in compliance with the instructions of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, this Agent immediately proceeded to Raytown, Missouri, where he contacted Mr. Muir relative to the mail addressed to Harper. It was found upon examination that five pieces of mail were addressed to this individual which, upon a request made to Mr. Muir, were turned over to the writer so that the same might be used in further attempts to locate this fugitive. It should be stated here that these pieces of mail were not demanded by the writer but were given to him with the permission of Acting Postmaster Muir. At the time they were turned over to this Agent a receipt for the same, signed by the writer, was given to Mr. Muir.

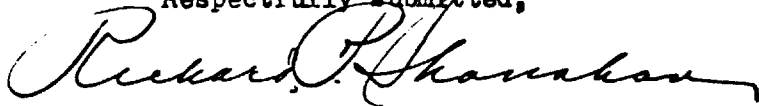
Due to the eagerness to obtain any information whatsoever which might be helpful in any way towards locating this fugitive, the fact that the taking of first class mail from the Post Office was

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a violation of the postal laws was overlooked in this instance. It will be recalled that Volney Davis is badly wanted by this Bureau in connection with a kidnaping case. At the time that the above transaction took place and since that time strenuous efforts have been made to effect his apprehension and in attempting to bring about his capture the effect of taking these pieces of first class mail was not fully taken into consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



R. P. SHANAHAN,  
Special Agent.

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C O P Y - Postcard.

Dear Friend:

Undoubtedly you are aware of the great increase in Federal employment for both men and women during the last few months. Probably you or some member of your family have wondered about the procedure, qualifications and type of questions asked in procuring one of these really well paid jobs under Civil Service. If interested, we will send you free samples of actual questions given in recent Civil Service examinations, list of positions, qualifications, etc. Just fill in coupon and return to me.

Yours truly,

Thos L. West - Pres.

c/o Washington Training Bureau, Inc.  
Washington Blvd. Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Education \_\_\_\_\_

(Postmarked Detroit, Michigan, Feb. 9, 1935, 3 A.M.)

Addressed to: Mr. C. L. Harper  
Box 12  
Rayton, Mo.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

DWIGHT H. BROWN.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

Kansas City, Mo.  
1423 Oak St.  
February 6, 1935.

Mr. George L. Harper,  
Box #12,  
Raytown, Mo.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of the 4th to Jefferson City has been forwarded to us for attention as we have not yet sent the records to them so that the registration receipts could be mailed out.

However, I am enclosing herewith a registration receipt covering your 1935 license plates No. 43-218 and trust that this meets with your approval.

Very truly yours,

/s/ E. P. Moriarty

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Deputy Commissioner

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(Envelope addressed to "Mr. George L. Harper, Box #12, Raytown, Missouri", postmarked Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 6, 1935 5 P.M.) Envelope bears return address of "Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Registration Department, 1423 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo.

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C O P Y

MISSOURI AUTOMOBILE CERTIFICATE

This Certified that the party hereinafter named has  
duly registered for the year ending December 31, 1935 the  
automobile below described.

Pontiac	1058715	1934.
Name of car	Motor number	Year
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Type	No. of Cyls.	Bore

Reg. No.  
43-218

George L. Harper  
Box #12  
Raytown, Mo.

2-6-35.

Dwight H. Brown,  
Secretary of State.

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE AND SHOULD BE CARRIED BY OWNER.

To transfer license plates make application to the Secretary of State.

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C O P Y

601 Adams St., N.E.  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
Feb. 22, 1935

Dear Member:-

Have just joined the get acquainted club. They sent me a list of names to write to and here I am. I am hoping you'll join me in your list of correspondence. Will you?

Will tell you a bit of myself. I am 5 ft. 3 in. tall, have blonde hair and blue eyes, fair complexion, medium size, not fat nor thin. Don't know how much I weigh. Am told I am not hard to look at. Don't smoke nor drink, don't like wild parties. I am found of dancing. Can be lots of fun in a decent way.

I think for the simple reason of being decent is why I am lonely. I am told, people think me stuck up I am not, but I simple won't join no rotten crowd. I am looking for people my type, do I measure up with your type?

Must make this first letter short and hope you'll care to correspond with me. Heres hoping.

I am

Miss Lucille Julkowski

(Envelope addressed to "Mr. Geo. Lawrence Harper, Box 12, Paytown, Mo." postmarked "Minneapolis, Minn. 10 P.M. Feb. 23, 1935," return address 601 Adams St. N.E., Minneapolis, Minn.)

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C O P Y

St. Louis, Mo.  
Mar. 7, 1935.

Dear Sir:

I received your name thru the Get Acquainted club and would like to make your acquaintance. I am 28 yrs. old have black hair and brown eyes.

My height is 5 ft. 2 in. weight 115 lbs.

Hopeing for an early reply on this letter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Pearl Garber  
3232 Portis Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo.

(Envelope addressed to "Mr. George Lawrence Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Mo." postmarked Saint Louis, Mo. Mar. 7, 1935, 8 P.M.)

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C O P Y

Denver, Colo.  
Feb. 15, 1935.

Dear Sir:

I received your name thru the "Get Acquainted Club" and as your description interested me very much I concluded to write to you.

I am inclosing a picture of myself and will also endeavor to give you a brief description. I am 29 years of age, 5 ft. 1 in. tall, weigh about 114 lbs. I have brown hair, blue eyes and fair complexion. Am good looking and very neat appearing. Do not smoke nor drink. Am a member of the Christian Church. I have 2 yrs. High School education. I have been married and have a little girl 4 years of age.

Since I find life so lonesome I would surely like to meet an honest sincere young man near my own age who would appreciate my little girl.

I sincerely hope to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,

Irma Humphrey  
724 - 24th St.  
Denver.

(Envelope addressed to "Mr. Geo. Lawrence Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Mo." with return address "726 - 24th St., Denver, Colo." and postmarked Denver, Colo. Feb. 15, 1935, 8:30 P.M.)

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C O P Y

Mr. G. L. Harper  
Box 12, Rayton, Miss.

Portland, Ore.  
2109 N.W. Northrup

2/19/1935.

Dear Pen Pal:

Saw your name among the list of the get acquainted club, and am interested in your breif description and would like to hear from you further, and get acquainted.

I am a young women of twenty five 5:9 ht.; 135 wt. brown hair, blue eyes and like outdoor sports of all kinds. Hope you write upon receiving this very soon. Until then I am sincerly yours

Mrs. Jerry Woolensock  
2109 N.W. Northrup, Apt. #1.

P.S. I shall be looking forward to a reply soon, or sooner.

(Envelope addressed to "Mr. G. L. Harper, Box 12, Raytown, Missouri" with the notation in the lower left hand corner "Please Forward". Postmarked Portland, Oregon, Feb. 19, 1935, 4 P.M.)

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7-576-582 April 25, 1935.

Mr. R. B. Nathan,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

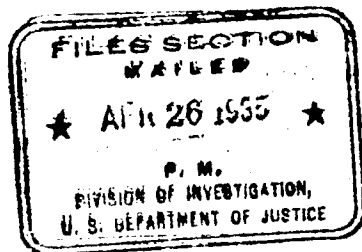
Dear Sir:-

The Bureau has noted the memorandum which you addressed to Assistant Director Harold Nathan at Kansas City, Missouri, under date of April 18, 1935, concerning pieces of mail matter which were obtained by Special Agents of the Kansas City Office under your direction from the Acting Postmaster at Raytown, Missouri, addressed to "George Lawrence Harper, Post Office Box 12, Raytown, Missouri", which letters were secured in connection with investigative inquiries to determine the whereabouts of Volney Davis.

The Bureau notes that you overlooked the existence of the statute involving the interception of mail and desires to caution you against any similar actions in the future which naturally prove embarrassing to the Department and the Bureau when they are brought to the attention of the Department by the Postmaster General or some other member of the Cabinet.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Mr. Nathan. ☒  
 Mr. Tolson. ☐  
 Mr. Backus. ☐  
 Mr. Baughman. ☐  
 Chief Clerk. ☐  
 Mr. Clegg. ☐  
 Mr. Coffey. ☐  
 Mr. Edwards. ☐  
 Mr. Egan. ☐  
 Mr. Harbo. ☐  
 Mr. Keith. ☐  
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 Mr. Schilder. ☐  
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 Mr. Tamm. ☒  
 Mr. Tracy. ☐  
 Miss Gandy. ☐

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 DIRECTOR

BREKID AGENT RYAN COMPLETED TESTIMONY RE ADMISSIONS OF ALDERTON.  
 AGENT SURAN CORROBORATED AGENT RYAN. AGENT MCINTIRE INTRODUCED STATE-  
 MENT OF FARMER. COURT ADJOURNED TILL MONDAY. AGENTS SCOTT, RYAN,  
 GLYNN, BROWN, MADALA, RICE, PRANKE, LORRY, AND SURAN HELD HERE FOR  
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan

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Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City office dated April 23, 1935, wherein it was requested that this office interview Miss Mary Albaitis (not Albaritis), 3059 Maybury Grand, Detroit, Michigan, relative to a letter she addressed to George Lawrence Harper on April 5, 1935, it being known that Subject Volney Davis has used the name of George Lawrence Harper.

Miss Albaitis, now living at 3331 Vinewood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed and stated that she joined the Get Acquainted Club March 1 and paid her two dollar subscription and was sent a list of names of members of the Club, among which was the name of George Lawrence Harper. On this list opposite the name of each member was a brief description of the member. Miss Albaitis stated that after perusal of the list of names, she selected the name of George Lawrence Harper as being the type of man from the description noted opposite his name with whom she would like to become acquainted, and accordingly addressed the aforementioned letter to George Lawrence Harper.

She further stated that she has not been in receipt of any letters from members of the Get Acquainted Club, and that the letter she sent to Harper at Raytown, Missouri, was the first letter she has written to any of the members of the Club. She further stated that she has not received a reply to the letter addressed to Harper and had forgotten about same.

Miss Albaitis was advised that Harper was a wanted criminal and that any information she received concerning him should be forwarded to the Detroit office.

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Miss Albaitis signified her earnest intention to cooperate with the Detroit office in the event she is in receipt of any mail from Harper or if she personally contacts Harper at any time in the future.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

May 1, 1935.

Case: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Number: 7-576-5695

Specimens:

- A. Photostatic copy of application #53671, which covers Ford Coupe, motor #18-1037480, to Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, signed Chas. M. Bronson.
- B. Original certificate of title application #369015, covering the above automobile, signature of applicant being Chas. M. Bronson.
- C. Certificate of Title Application #377514, dated January 1, 1935, covering Buick Coupe, Engine #42949155, signature of applicant being Leroy Morrison.

Examination requested by: Jacksonville Bureau Office.

Date received: 4-27-35.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel.

There are too few characteristics in the signatures "Chas. M. Bronson" on applications #53671 and #369015 to enable the examiner to reach a definite conclusion. These signatures are also blurred. While there is a large amount of the handwriting of Joe Adams and a number of signatures in the name of Bronson, it might be possible to find more characteristics with additional specimens. For this purpose, such specimens should be prepared by causing Adams to write on forms similar to the applications or at least on a narrow piece of paper with a line similar to that in the form. The signature should be repeated a number of times, and after each is made it should be removed so that he may not copy his previous writings.

The known specimens of the writing of Randall include only the script signature "Henry Randall" and various printed words. There are only a few letters in the signature which may be compared with the questioned signature of Leroy Morrison. It is possible that the writing "Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel" on application #53671 was written by Henry Randall, and this gives additional points of comparison with the signature Leroy Morrison. If additional specimens are to be forwarded, Randall should be required to write the name Leroy Morrison under similar conditions to that of the questioned writing on certificate #377514. That is, he should write on a line on a narrow piece of paper, preferably on blank forms similar to that on which the questioned signature appears. A large number of these should be obtained, and he should not be allowed to see how he wrote the name on previous copies.

In accordance with the request of the Jacksonville Office, the original specimens are being returned by registered mail as soon as they are photographed.

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May 3, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division

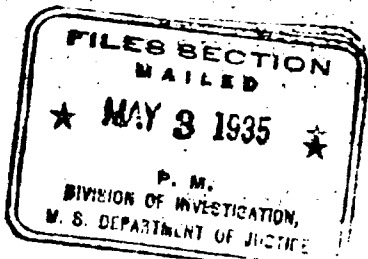
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - St. Paul  
E. J. Connelley - Cincinnati.



*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
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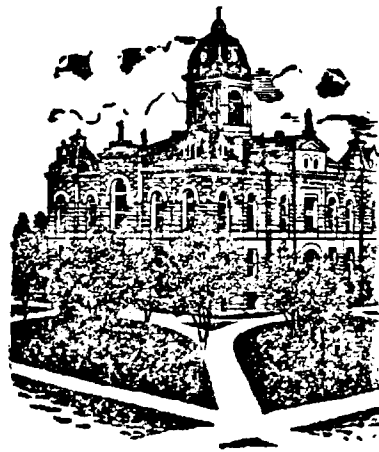
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**Fairbury, Nebraska**

May 1, 1935



Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the photographs of the individuals you inclosed in your letter of April 13, 1935 and I am sure that through the fine work of your Department, the gang that robbed the First National Bank here were identified, and although we will probably not get a chance here to prosecute any of that gang, if any of them do, by any chance beat their rap, that they are now indited on, we would like to be notified.

We have a young man here in Fairbury, that I believe would make a great name for himself in the D.J. and think he was investigated at one time by the Department, I have had the opportunity to work with this young man and watch him and know he has all the qualifications to make good, if given a chance, and have often wondered why he had not been given that chance.

This young man Frank M. Rain, a son of Frank L. Rain, has the mental and physical courage to make good in any profession and is very much interested in investigations that we make, and has a keen mind and very alert in all matters.

I wish to again thank you for the photographs and if at any time we can be of service to your Department, I hope you will call on us.

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Very truly yours

W. S. Davidson  
Deputy Sheriff

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TITLE: <b>Changed: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases:</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING, HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, Earl Peel, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E. L. Burns, Earl Lyman Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William R. Lohman, R. E. Nelson, Marion Bradford, Marion Bradford, H. J. Milgreth, E. G. Milgreth, Edward Milgreth, E. L. Burns, Ray Hall, Dan Murphy, "Chi" Karpis, Raymond Hadley, Alvin Karpis, "James", Charles M. Bronson, Leroy Morrison, E. M. Wagner, E. G. Wagner, Elmer Wagner, E. M. Wagner, Edward M. Wagner, L. O. Woods, A. S. Green, Ray Green, E. M. Green, Charles A. Richards, W. B. Lohman, "Slim", Raymond Alvin Karpis, Ray Carson, T. E. Nelson, R. J. Burns, Ray Hadley, R. S. Carson, - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1212.</b>			
<b>ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases: Arthur Barker, "Doc" Barker, Dock Barker, Claude Barker, Claude Dale, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, E. L. Murray, J. E. Harvey, E. J. Harvey, A. S. Hunter, F. E. Gordon, Ray Gordon, "James", "Joe", "Shorty", Joe Morley, A. E. Esser, "Henry", H. J. Morley, R. Gordon, E. Morley, J. B. Bolton.</b>			
<b>HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson, "Dave", G. L. Summers, G. F. Summers, G. Summers, T. E. Blackburn, G. O. Cameron, G. C. Cameron, George F. Summers, George Summers, "Buff", "Buffalo", R. E. Nelson, I. O. #1236.</b>			
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VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases: "CURLEY", "Curly", "Cotton", E. V. Davis, W. E. Davis, J. H. Lockwood, E. E. Lockwood, G. E. Moore, "Jimmie", "Curley" Moore, Roy Green, Ray Green, Everett Davis, "Curley" Hansen, "Curley" Hansen, "Curly" Hansen, "Curly" Hansen, J. E. Hansen, "Curley" Davis, "Cotton" Davis, "Whitey", "Whitie", G. L. Harper, G. R. Hansen, George L. Harper, "Jeff", "Volley" Davis, George Lawrence Harper, J. H. Lockwood, "Curly" Moore, B. B. Larsen, E. J. Snyder, - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1237.

WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases: P. O'Donnell, Phoenix Donald, E. A. Nelson, T. J. Nelson, P. J. Nelson, Bill Scott, J. A. Orhood, Charles W. Lucas, Charles E. Bolling, Bill Weaver, Felix Donald, P. O. Donald, Phoenix O'Donald, W. G. Weaver, P. O. Scott, Bill Thorston, William Thorston, Buck Weaver, Claire Lucas, Felix Donald, W. C. Weaver, Clair Lucas, "Heavy", W. A. Weaver, "Lapland Willie", W. Lucas, Clarence Eaton, Clarence Lucas, I. O. #1238.

HARRY SAWYER, with aliases: Frank James, "Dutch" Sawyer, Harry Sandlovich, Harry E. Porche, Harry J. Porch, Harry Sandevich, Harry Sandovich, "Sea Lion", Harry Standley, "Porky", Harry Sandlovitch, "Omaha Dutch", "Jew Harry", Harry Sandelovich, Joseph Supovich, I. O. #1240.

WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON, with aliases: Byron Bolton, Bryon Bolton, Monty Carter, Monte Carter, Owen B. Carter, Owen Bernard Carter, Bryan Bolton, Owen B. Carter, "Andy", O. B. Carter, Owen J. Carter, B. Bolton, Andrew Allen, J. B. Bolton, Andy Allen.

JAMES J. WILSON, with aliases: Jimmie Wilson, Jimmy Wilson, James Jackson, James Ryan, "Dr. Jim" Wilson, E. J. Powell, H. Morley, James Barrowman.

DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases: Joseph B. Moran, Joseph C. Moran, "Doc" Moran, Joseph Patrick Moran, I. O. #1232.

WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, with aliases: William E. Vidler, "Williams", "Bill".

PHILIP J. DELANEY, with aliases: PHILLIP DELANEY, Phil Delaney, Philip Delaney, Phillip Delaney, Philip Delaney.

JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, SR., with aliases: "BOSS" McLaughlin, Mr. Smith, J. J. McLaughlin.

ELMER FARMER.

HAROLD W. ALLEDERTON, with aliases: Harold Allderton, Harold Allderton,  
Harold Allerton, Harold Ellerton, Harry Allerton.

JESS DOYLE, with aliases: Jesse Doyle, Jessie Doyle, E. A. Conley,  
J. C. Stacey, J. E. Stacey, G. C. Stacey, William Connelley,  
E. A. Connelley, E. V. Connelley, E. A. Conely.

EDNA MURRAY, with aliases: Ned Edna Stanley, "Rabbit", "Rabbits",  
Grace E. Doyle, Grace Hanson, "Blondie", Mrs. E. J. Powell,  
Mrs. E. V. Davis, Velma Tippetts, Velma Champaign, "Cotton",  
G. R. Hanson, Edna Sullivan, Doris Farrell, Edna Grace, Grace  
R. Hansen, Mrs. E. J. Snyder, Edna Price, Mrs. "Curly" Hanson,  
Mrs. G. L. Harper, Martha Murray, Velma Tippetts,  
Mrs. V. E. Davis.

MYRTLE KATON, with aliases: Sue Bond, Alice Martin, Ruth Martin, "Mart",  
"Myrt", Mrs. J. A. Orhood, Myrtle King, Sue Hubble,  
Mrs. William Thornton, E. Ruth Martin, Ruth Hubbard,  
I. O. #1241.

WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases: Willie Harrison, J. B. Bolton,  
W. J. Ryan, Elmer Howe, William Harrison,  
Willie Harris, I. O. #1239.

OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases: Ollie Berg, "Issie", "Lixy", Mr. Jones,  
Oliver Bennet, Otto Marge, Oliver Bennett.

BRUNO PUTIS, with aliases: "Whitie", Bruno Austin, Bill Larson, Bruno Putas.

JOHN DOE.

RICHARD ROE.

MATTHEW GLEASON, with alias: Matt Gleason.

JOSEPH H. ADAMS, with aliases: Joe Adams, J. H. Adams.

DUKE RANDALL, with aliases: Henry Randall, Henry Sterns, Henry Stern.

NATHANIEL H. HELLER, with aliases: Nathan Heller, Nat Heller, Nate Heller,  
N. H. Heller.

CASSIUS M. McDONALD, with aliases: Cassius Michael McDonald, C. M. McDonald, C. McDonald, Cash McDonald, Cassius McDonald, E. G. McDonald, O'Brien.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.

**Synopsis of Facts:**

WYNONA BURDETTE designated the address of 628 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, as the place where PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER resided during December, 1933, and January, 1934, at which place a birthday party was held January 13, 1934. BURDETTE designated the address 512 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, as the address of HARRY CAMPBELL and herself during January, 1934, and designated the address 180 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, as the address of VOLNEY DAVIS and EDNA MURRAY prior to the kidnaping. PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER positively identified by manager of apartment at 628 Grand Avenue, St. Paul. MILDRED KUHLMAN promises to cooperate with Bureau in obtaining information concerning remaining members of the Barker-Karpis gang, upon release of Government subpoena. ANDREW ROTHMEYER, St. Paul saloon keeper, friend of MYRTLE KATON, indicates he received long distance telephone call from MYRTLE KATON from Cincinnati, Ohio, during the latter part of December, 1934, or early part of January, 1935, which call not completed; admits receiving postal card from MYRTLE KATON from Chattanooga, Tennessee, about St. Patrick's Day, 1935; promises cooperation.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 4-19-35; and report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 4-22-35.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this case is being changed to include the alias of R. E. NELSON for Subject HARRY CAMPBELL.

United States Attorney George Sullivan, in a conference had with Special Agents J. L. Madala and R. C. Suran, suggested that WYNONA BURDETTE be taken from the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota, and driven about the city in order that she could point out the various addresses where members of the Karpis-Barker gang lived just prior to the kidnaping of MR. BREMER as WYNONA BURDETTE had been unable to recall the addresses. Mr. Sullivan further suggested that in the event additional addresses were located, investigation be conducted in an effort to obtain witnesses who could testify that various members of the gang were in St. Paul on January 16 and 17, 1934. The appropriate arrangements to take WYNONA BURDETTE from the Ramsey County Jail were made with the United States Marshal's office by Mr. Sullivan.

Agents Suran and Madala, accompanied by Deputy United States Marshal WESTCOTT, on April 22, 1935, drove WYNONA BURDETTE to the vicinity of Grand Avenue and Dale Street, at which place WYNONA BURDETTE designated the Dale Apartments, located at 628 Grand Avenue, as being the address at which PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER resided during January, 1934, and at which place the birthday party given for her (WYNONA BURDETTE) was held on January 13, 1934, which was attended by HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER, PAULA HARMON, DOC BARKER, and GEORGE ZIEGLER.

Interviews were had with MR. and MRS. JOHN W. OLSON, 622 Grand Avenue, telephone number Dale 7438, who have charge of the renting of the apartments at 628 Grand Avenue. MRS. OLSON stated that she rented an apartment located on the first floor of 628 Grand Avenue, which is apartment number 103, to a MRS. EDWIN BERGSTROM on December 7, 1933, which date MRS. BERGSTROM paid one month's rent of \$40.00 in advance. MRS. OLSON is in possession of her duplicate receipt book indicating the date the money was paid for this apartment.

MRS. OLSON advised that MRS. BERGSTROM appeared first at the apartments on December 6, 1933, and made the arrangements to take the apartment, and on the following day paid the rent and moved in. MRS. OLSON stated that her receipt books further discloses that on January 7, 1934, MRS. BERGSTROM again paid one month's rent in advance. Both MR. and MRS. OLSON advised that MR. and MRS. EDWIN BERGSTROM did not live at the apartment throughout the month of January, 1934. MR. OLSON advised that on the morning of January 18, 1934, he observed the door of apartment No. 103 partially open and the lights burning in the apartment. He stated that upon entering the apartment, he found the same to be in disorder, indicating that the BERGSTROMS had made a hurried departure, apparently sometime on January 17, 1934.

MR. and MRS. OLSON advised that they recall that the BERGSTROMS drove a Ford V-8 Coupe. They further stated that the BERGSTROMS appeared to be quiet people and they observed no noise or disorder on the part of the BERGSTROMS at any time and do not recall the BERGSTROMS' having several persons in their apartment on or about January 13, 1934.

WYNONA BURDETTE advised that on January 16, 1934, at the request of HARRY CAMPBELL, she roasted a chicken, which chicken was taken from the apartment about 4:00 p.m. on January 16, 1934, by HARRY CAMPBELL and that HARRY CAMPBELL took the chicken from the apartment in a roaster. MR. and MRS. OLSON were questioned concerning any cooking utensils which had been missing from the apartment, and they advised that everything of that nature was intact at the time of the BERGSTROMS' departure.

The photographs of PAULA HARMON and FREDDIE BARKER were displayed to MR. and MRS. OLSON, and it was noticed at once that they were reluctant to identify the photograph of PAULA HARMON, but both finally stated that it was the photograph of MRS. BERGSTROM.

Two photographs of FRED BARKER were shown to these persons, the same being the enlarged snapshot photograph of FRED BARKER and also the one which is similar to the photograph which has been introduced into evidence at St. Paul, Minnesota, in instant case. MR. OLSON readily identified these photographs as being the likenesses of MR. BERGSTROM.

After WYNONA BURDETTE had designated the address of 628 Grand Avenue, she directed the way to the Capitol Apartments located at 512 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, and stated that this was the place where she and HARRY CAMPBELL were residing during December, 1933, and January, 1934, under the name of MR. and MRS. GEORGE L. MARTIN. She further stated that they maintained an apartment on the ninth floor, front.

Special Agents Suran and Madala interviewed MR. GUY V. ROBINSON, manager of the Capitol Apartments, and displayed to him the various photographs of the members of the Karpis-Barker mob; and he was unable to identify any of these individuals.

MR. McGUIRE, night clerk at the hotel, was also shown various photographs and was unable to identify any of them.

MR. ROBINSON produced the hotel register of the hotel, an examination of which revealed the registration of a R. E. NELSON and wife, Toledo, Ohio, who occupied apartment No. 902 from December 8, 1933, to January 16, 1934; but no registration could be located for a GEORGE L. MARTIN. It will be noted that R. E. NELSON is an alias which has previously been used by ALVIN KARPIS.



After further studying the photograph of WYNONA BURDETTE, MR. ROBINSON and MR. McGUIRE stated that they could note some similarity between MRS. NELSON and the photograph of WYNONA BURDETTE, but both stated they could not positively identify it. MR. ROBINSON advised that MR. NELSON had represented himself to be a General Motors inspector from Toledo, Ohio, but that he observed that MR. NELSON drove a Ford car, bearing Ohio license plates.

A small check mark was noted by the registration of R. E. NELSON and wife, and MR. ROBINSON explained that this check mark was made there because he was suspicious of the NELSONS. MR. ROBINSON stated that he has a recollection that he made a note of the Ohio license plates, but he was unable at this time to locate this number. MR. ROBINSON further explained that while the register indicated that the NELSONS checked out of the hotel on January 16, 1934, in reality, they checked out late on the night of January 15, 1934, and the checking out date is carried on the hotel book as being January 16, 1934.

MR. ROBINSON stated that MR. NELSON had several very expensive shirts which were always sent to the tailor located at 510 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, for dry cleaning. MR. ROBINSON stated that the tailor at this address, MR. C. J. BERGQUIST, usually did all of the cleaning and pressing for the guests at the hotel, and it was possible that due to the large amount of cleaning and pressing which he had done for the NELSONS, possibly he might be able to identify the photographs in question.

MR. BERGQUIST was interviewed, but was unable to furnish any information of value other than to say that the photographs of HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE did appear to be familiar to him.

From the Capitol Apartments, WYNONA BURDETTE directed the way to the Edgecomb Court Apartments, located at 180 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and stated that this was the address where VOLNEY DAVIS and EDNA MURRAY resided during December, 1933, and January, 1934.

Investigation at that place revealed that the individuals who had been in charge of these apartments during that period of time was MR. H. P. REED, now residing at North Hibbing, Minnesota. Special Agent E. M. Notestein has previously conducted investigation at North Hibbing, Minnesota, interviewing MR. REED, his wife, son and daughter-in-law, all of whom resided at 180 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, during the period in question. These individuals failed to identify any of the photographs of this gang as living or frequenting the address of 180 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul.



It will be noted that the address of 180 South Lexington Avenue is one and a half blocks from Lexington and Goodrich Avenue in St. Paul, at which point MR. BREMER was kidnaped. This address is also about two blocks away from the Summit School at which place MR. BREMER had taken his daughter just prior to the kidnaping.

WYNONA BURDETTE has heretofore stated that upon her and HARRY CAMPBELL'S arrival in St. Paul from Reno, Nevada, in the early part of December, 1933, she and HARRY CAMPBELL went to live at the apartment of BILL WEAVER; that they remained at this apartment for approximately two or three days. She was unable to furnish the address and exact location of this apartment, but indicated that to the best of her recollection, it was a yellow-front brick building. Agents Suran and Madala drove WYNONA BURDETTE to the addresses of 777 Selby Avenue and 565 Portland Avenue, former addresses of BILL WEAVER, known to the St. Paul office, but she was unable to identify these places as the apartment in which she lived for two or three days as above stated. She further stated that MYRTLE EATON did not live at this apartment while she and HARRY CAMPBELL were living with BILL WEAVER but that MYRTLE EATON came there every day during the period in question.

WYNONA BURDETTE stated that after they left BILL WEAVER'S apartment at this time, she and HARRY CAMPBELL secured an apartment at the Capitol Apartments on St. Peter Street.

WYNONA BURDETTE was interviewed at intervals during the period of April 22 to 26, 1935, by Agents Suran and Madala, and she advised that the morning that HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS escaped from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey, she observed that HARRY CAMPBELL had a large blood spot on the front of his shirt just prior to his leaving the apartment; that she does not know whether HARRY CAMPBELL was wounded in the stomach or in any part of his body as she did not have an opportunity to ask him at that time. She further stated that she is positive that HARRY CAMPBELL did not obtain this blood on his shirt from DOLORES DELANEY, who was wounded in the leg, as he was no where near DOLORES on that morning after she was wounded.

WYNONA BURDETTE further advised that HARRY CAMPBELL told her after she returned to him in November, 1934, that he visited his mother on two different occasions during September and October, 1933; that he cares very much for his mother and it is very likely that he will visit her from time to time. WYNONA BURDETTE further stated that she does not believe that HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS will remain together very long as they

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never did get along together very well. She also stated that she is very positive that HARRY CAMPBELL did not have more than \$500.00 in his possession at the time he escaped at Atlantic City; that she had an opportunity to go through his clothes and also searched his money belt just prior to this occasion and the above amount was all that she could find in his effects.

In connection with the registration of R. E. NELSON and wife at the Capitol Apartments, WYNONA BURDETTE stated that HARRY CAMPBELL did on occasions use the alias of NELSON but that she could not recall that this name was used at the Capitol Apartments because, as previously stated, it was her recollection that the registration was in the name of GEORGE L. MARTIN.

On the morning of April 26, 1935, United States Attorney George F. Sullivan advised Special Agent Madala that he received information that WYNONA BURDETTE wanted to speak to an attorney at the Ramsey County Jail, and in this connection suggested that Agent Madala go to the County Jail and interview MISS BURDETTE concerning her attitude in this regard.

Agent Madala proceeded to the Ramsey County Jail and talked with MISS HUSEMAN, the matron, who advised that MISS BURDETTE was in good spirits until she read the evening papers the night before to the effect that the Government is expecting to call upon various gangsters' molls to testify concerning their boy friends' activities prior and subsequent to the abduction of EDWARD G. BREMER; that when she read this article, she began to cry and on one occasion, while MISS HUSEMAN was in WYNONA'S cell, WYNONA referred to the above newspaper article and stated that she will be lucky if she reaches the Court House alive. MISS HUSEMAN further stated that WYNONA called for her on the morning of April 26, 1935, and asked if she knew of a good attorney in town. MISS HUSEMAN stated that due to the rules of the prison, in that she can not furnish to any prisoner the names of attorneys in the city, she did not give her the name of any particular attorney but furnished WYNONA with the telephone book, suggesting that she select her own attorney therefrom. The matron advised that WYNONA, after looking through the telephone directory, told her to telephone MR. HARVEY J. DIEHL, requesting that he come up to see her. The matron further stated that she told MR. RISEDORPH of WYNONA'S request for an attorney and he, in turn, telephoned Mr. Sullivan, the United States Attorney. MISS HUSEMAN advised that WYNONA BURDETTE telegraphed her sister in Oklahoma on the morning of April 26, 1935, requesting that her sister transmit to her by telegram \$50.00, with which WYNONA expects to pay her attorney.

After the above conversation with MISS HUSEMAN, agent Madala interviewed WYNONA BURDETTE, who was very reluctant to talk. She stated that she

did not like the article which appeared in the evening newspaper, the day previous, concerning the expectancy of the Government to call upon various gangsters' molls to testify and she readily blamed the United States Attorney's office for this article. Agent Madala told MISS BURDETTE that the article appearing in the newspaper was merely newspaper talk and that there was no basis of truth in same. Agent Madala then questioned WYNONA BURDETTE as to why she desired to secure the services of an attorney at this time and she replied that she has been "pushed around long enough", and she wants legal advice from some unprejudiced and unbiased person; that is, someone who is not interested in this case either way. Agent Madala attempted to obtain from MISS BURDETTE her reason for securing an attorney, but she refused to furnish any information in this regard. She indicated that there was only one question which she wanted to ask this attorney and that his answer thereto would mean \$50.00 to her.

WYNONA BURDETTE indicated at this time that she did not divulge all the information in her possession concerning this case to agents of the Bureau. Agent Madala attempted to elicit this information from her, but she refused to talk about the matter. MISS BURDETTE stated that whatever response she gets from her attorney to her one question will not change her mind in any way about testifying for the Government in the trial of this case; and she had given her promise that she would assist the Government by testifying and that she will keep her word in this connection. During the entire interview with WYNONA BURDETTE, she left with Agent Madala the impression that she is afraid of incriminating herself while on the witness stand, and it is believed by Agent Madala that it is for this reason that she wishes to consult an attorney.

After the interview with WYNONA BURDETTE, Agent Madala furnished the information secured from her to Mr. Sullivan, United States Attorney, and he advised that HARVEY DIEHL is a very good friend of his; that he will talk to him before he sees WYNONA BURDETTE and will arrange to have DIEHL give him the information which he secures from WYNONA BURDETTE. In Agent Madala's presence, Mr. Sullivan telephoned HARVEY DIEHL and made an appointment with him to be at Sullivan's office at 2:00 p.m.

After MR. DIEHL left, Mr. Sullivan advised that it was all arranged that DIEHL will furnish him with the information he secures from WYNONA BURDETTE and that he consented to see her at the County Jail, should he be called upon to do so by MISS BURDETTE.

Agent Madala returned to the Ramsey County Jail immediately thereafter and had MR. RISEBORGH, Chief Deputy Sheriff, call MR. DIEHL for MISS BURDETTE. It is not known at this writing whether MR. DIEHL had talked with WYNONA BURDETTE on April 25, 1935; and this matter will be followed out and reported subsequently.

MILDRED KUHLMAN alias MILDRED CLARK, the paramour of ARTHUR WDOC\* BARKER, was interviewed at intervals by Special Agent J. L. Madala in St. Paul, Minnesota, during the period April 20 to 25, 1935. She advised that she had heard from RENE HOLST, sister-in-law of BERT ANGUS, that HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS appeared at the Casino Club owned by BERT and TED ANGUS at Toledo, Ohio, the night after they escaped from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey; that they did not enter the Casino Club but stood at the window outside of the premises and attracted BERT ANGUS' attention by knocking on the window; that BERT ANGUS recognized them and went outside and told them that he did not want to have anything to do with them as they were "too hot".

MILDRED KUHLMAN further stated that RENE advised her that ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL left the Casino Club immediately thereafter and that two or three days later, they were observed in the Dutch Village Cafe, which is owned and operated by JOE BOSCOE; that on this occasion, HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS were standing at the bar, drinking, and according to MILDRED KUHLMAN, RENE stated, "What do you think! As hot as those two persons are, they appear in public places like the Dutch Village, drinking beer. They must be crazy."

MILDRED KUHLMAN advised that she is in an excellent position to receive confidential information from RENE and THELMA HOLST and also other sources in Toledo, Ohio, and that if the Government would release her from her subpoena at this time, she is confident that she can return to Toledo, Ohio, and secure such information from the above persons. Agent Madala arranged an interview for MILDRED KUHLMAN with United States Attorney George F. Sullivan on the night of April 25, 1935, at which time MR. SULLIVAN released her from her subpoena under the condition that she faithfully make efforts to secure information from her friends in Toledo, Ohio, concerning the remaining fugitives in this case and furnish same to the Bureau. She promised to do this, and accordingly, Mr. Sullivan released her from her subpoena and instructed her to return to Toledo, Ohio.

MISS KUHLMAN was instructed by Agent Madala to get in touch with Special Agent R. D. Brown at the Cleveland Bureau office in the event she receives any information concerning the remaining members of this mob, which she promised to do.

After MISS KUEHLMAN was released from her subpoena by the Government, she received a subpoena from JOHN DE COURCKY to testify in behalf of ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin, St. Paul, dated April 22, 1935, particularly to the information contained on page 2 of that report with reference to information furnished by EDGAR McALPINE, Chief of Police, South St. Paul, Minnesota, regarding information furnished by him to the effect that ANDY ROTHMEYER, friend of MYRTLE EATON who operates a saloon at 949 West 7th Street, St. Paul, had received a postal card from MYRTLE EATON from Chattanooga, Tennessee, on or about March 18, 1935.

As a result of mail cover being maintained on mail received by ROTHMEYER, a tracing was forwarded to the St. Paul Bureau office on April 20, 1935, of communication to ROTHMEYER postmarked "Montreal, April 15, 1935." The handwriting appearing on this tracing bears a marked resemblance to the handwriting specimen of MYRTLE EATON in the St. Paul Bureau office files.

Special Agents E. L. Richmond, J. R. Welles, and R. D. Brown on Monday, April 22, 1935, called at the place of business of ROTHMEYER, 949 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of asking him to accompany them to the St. Paul Bureau office. ROTHMEYER appeared very friendly and stated that he was about to take his young daughter to the ball game, and requested that agents return that evening, if possible, and he would be glad to furnish any information he could offer. It was the opinion of these three agents that more could probably be obtained from ROTHMEYER by treating him in a friendly manner, and ROTHMEYER was permitted to proceed to the ball game.

At 10:00 p.m., that evening, Special Agents S. K. McKee, J. R. Welles, E. L. Richmond and R. D. Brown again called at 949 West 7th Street, where Special Agents McKee and Welles remained in a Bureau car outside ROTHMEYER'S saloon. Agents Brown and Richmond entered this saloon and talked with ROTHMEYER in a back room from 10:00 p.m., until approximately 1:30 a.m. the following morning.

From reading the reports in the St. Paul office file concerning interviews with ROTHMEYER and his connection with MYRTLE EATON, agents decided on the following course of procedure with reference to interview with ROTHMEYER.

ROTHMEYER was advised that Agents Brown and Richmond were agents who had been working on this matter exclusively in several sections of the country for the past several months; that none of the agents attached to the

St. Paul Bureau office know of the presence of these two agents in St. Paul; that they had some definite information that he (ROTHMEYER) knew of the whereabouts of MYRTLE EATON and desired to interview him secretly in order that he might convey information as to MYRTLE EATON'S whereabouts without any danger whatsoever of it becoming known that ROTHMEYER furnished the information.

For approximately an hour, ROTHMEYER maintained he had positively no information whatsoever relative to the whereabouts of MYRTLE EATON and had not heard from her for approximately one and a half years. During the course of the conversation with him, it was definitely determined that he is still very much infatuated with the EATON woman and would do anything in his power for her. He seemed particularly concerned about her safety, he believing that she is now with Subject WILLIAM WEAVER, who he believes is not treating her fairly; also, that he believes Bureau agents will eventually locate WEAVER, and in capturing him, MYRTLE EATON may be harmed.

The conversation with ROTHMEYER was entirely friendly, but agents continuously impressed him with the idea that agents were in St. Paul for the sole purpose of interviewing him and that agents had specific and definite information that he (ROTHMEYER) had recently heard both directly and indirectly from MYRTLE EATON. ROTHMEYER finally stated, "Well, I guess you know about that phone call I received during the holidays (meaning Christmas and New Year's)". He then stated that about 10:00 p.m., one evening, either shortly after or shortly before New Year's, 1935, a telephone call came to his place of business, at which time he (ROTHMEYER) was not present; that his night bartender had received the call, which was from Cincinnati, Ohio. He would not definitely state that the call was from MYRTLE EATON but claimed that the person calling him was a woman and furnished a number for him (ROTHMEYER) to call back. He would not state his reason for believing this call was from MYRTLE EATON but indicated, beyond a reasonable doubt, that he knew this call was from MYRTLE EATON. He advised he did not call back as instructed by the caller and stated he might be able to locate the telephone number at Cincinnati, Ohio, which he was to call. He gave as his reason for failure to return the call that he was afraid to and also indicated that he thought possibly his telephone was "tapped". He agreed at this time that he would make every attempt to obtain this telephone number.

He was then informed that agents had positive information that he had received other communications from MYRTLE EATON, and after a lengthy conversation, admitted that he had received a postal card from her from Chattanooga, Tennessee. He stated the card contained only a greeting. He at first denied that he still had this card in his possession, but later admitted that he probably could locate it and agreed to attempt to do so.

Although the conversation with ROTHMEYER was entirely friendly throughout, he was given to understand that he had previously been advised of the indictment of MYRTLE KATON and the other subjects in this case; and should he withhold any information from Government agents or should he attempt to harbor MYRTLE KATON or her companions in any way, he would be liable for prosecution.

During the conversation, he informed that he is a very close friend of Victim BREMER and also his father, ADOLPH BREMER; that the BREMERS hold a mortgage on his present place of business and that he owes them considerable money. He also stated that the BREMERS have weekly parties at their Dutch Room, located within the Schmidt Brewery, which brewery is located directly across the street from his place of business, and that he (ROTHMEYER) prepares in his saloon sandwiches and meals for the BREMERS during these parties.

Agents then informed ROTHMEYER that regardless of his friendship for the BREMERS, the Government is interested in locating MYRTLE KATON and that every effort would be made to prosecute him (ROTHMEYER) should he fail to cooperate with the Government. He was then asked whether he doubted agents' sincerity, and agents suggested to him that if he (ROTHMEYER) does not have confidence in agents, Victim BREMER and his father would undoubtedly cooperate by arranging an interview, at which time ROTHMEYER would be present. He did not appear to be in accord with this suggestion and indicated that he would cooperate in every possible way.

He was unable to furnish a satisfactory explanation for his failure to advise the St. Paul Bureau office of the receipt of the postal card, before mentioned, from MYRTLE KATON but stated that in the future, he will immediately call the St. Paul office should he receive any communication whatsoever from her, either directly or indirectly. However, he stated that he does not desire to be threatened in the future by St. Paul Bureau agents and would cooperate if he were promised that MYRTLE KATON would not be harmed should she be located with WILLIAM WEAVER or other members of the gang and if all communications with him from the St. Paul Bureau office will be conducted as secretly as possible.

He stated he realized that it would be to MYRTLE KATON'S advantage if she turn herself in voluntarily and could be credited for the apprehension of WILLIAM WEAVER or any other members of the gang. He then asked whether she would probably be absolved of any connection with the BREMER kidnaping case should she arrange to turn these individuals in to the Government. He was told that this action by MYRTLE KATON would undoubtedly place her in a very favorable light.

On the following evening, Tuesday, April 23, 1935, ROTHMEYER was again interviewed by Special Agents Richmond and Brown, at which time he stated he had not yet been able to locate the postal card in question or the telephone number; that he believed it would be impossible to locate the telephone number from Cincinnati, Ohio, but that he believed he could locate the postal card, if given a little more time. On this occasion, he appeared to be very sincere.

He was also indirectly questioned relative to the tracing of a letter from Montreal received by him, before mentioned. He then produced a letter he had received from Montreal, Canada, from the "Royal Canadian Hospital Sweepstakes", showing that he had received ten tickets on this lottery for sale at St. Paul, Minnesota. He advised he expects to return these tickets as such tickets were sent to nearly all St. Paul saloons for sale by them. The handwriting on the envelope compared favorably with that of the handwriting appearing on the tracing in question.

ROTHMEYER will be interviewed from time to time by Special Agent E. D. Brown, while in St. Paul, Minnesota, attending the trial of this case, and effort will be made to secure from ROTHMEYER the postal card in question. By contacting him frequently, it is hoped that he will eventually become a satisfactory informant in this matter.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

##### Cincinnati Office

At Cincinnati, Ohio. It is not known to the writer of this report whether confidential information can be obtained from the Ohio Bell Telephone Company. Should it be possible to obtain information from them, it is requested that long distance telephone calls from Cincinnati, Ohio, to St. Paul, Minnesota, between the dates of December 24, 1934, and January 2, 1935, be checked in an attempt to determine what telephone was used at Cincinnati, Ohio, in placing a call to St. Paul, telephone Dale 8465, which is the telephone number of ANDREW ROTHMEYER, 949 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. If the location of the telephone used in Cincinnati, Ohio, for this call can be located, it may furnish a valuable lead as to a connection of this gang in Cincinnati, Ohio. It should be stated that this information can not be obtained from the Tri-State Telephone Company in St. Paul, Minnesota, because of their refusal to cooperate and further to the fact that the call was not a collect call, being a station to station call to the number above stated, which was not completed. However, there must have been report charges on this call.



Nashville Office

Will continue investigation at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and vicinity as is outlined in report of reference. As soon as the postal card referred to in the body of this report is obtained from ANDREW ROTHEMEYER, the information appearing thereon will immediately be furnished the Nashville office.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-63**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Washington, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/3/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/3/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>ROYAL J. UNTERMEIER</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237, ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">Joseph H. Adams enlisted in the U. S. Army 5/28/18, served in 526th Engineers until honorably discharged July 7, 1919; was Sergeant with outfit in France for approximately one year. Records Adjutant General's Office show no record of firearms training.</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: <span style="float: right;">Letter from Jacksonville Office dated May 2, 1935.</span></p> <p>DETAILS: <span style="float: right;"><u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u></span></p> <p>Agent interviewed Miss Whitlock of the World War Division of the Adjutant General's Office, Building E, War Department, who obtained the folder and service record of Joseph H. Adams, Army Serial No. 2120233, who served with the 526th Engineers and who enlisted at Athens, Tennessee on May 28, 1918.</p> <p>The service record showed that Joseph H. Adams enlisted at Athens, Tennessee on May 28, 1918 and was assigned to the Casual Company 14, Camp Pike, Arkansas on June 11, 1918; that he was transferred to Company A of the 526th Engineers where he served until he was honorably discharged on July 7, 1919. The records show that he left the service on July 10, 1918, arrived in France July 21, 1919, sailed from Brest, France for the United States June 30, 1919, arrived at New York on return to the United States June 30, 1919, and was honorably discharged on demobilization of</p>			
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the Army on July 7, 1919. During his first term of enlistment he served at Camp Pike, Arkansas and during the second term of his enlistment he served at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia where he was transferred by special order on July 2, 1919. He was promoted to the rank of corporal from the rank of private on June 12, 1918, and was promoted from the rank of corporal to the rank of sergeant on July 26, 1918, which grade he held until his discharge.

The records gave his wife's name as Mrs. Lillian R. Adams, 807 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama and his mother's name as Mrs. Laura L. Adams, Etowah, Tennessee. It showed he was born in Morganfield, Kentucky on October 19, 1893. On December 15, year not given, he made application for adjusted compensation which was passed on September 3, 1930 which gave his address as 414 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Etowah, Tennessee. Miss Whitlock stated that the 526th Engineers was a service battalion and never was in battle during the war. However, she stated that all enlisted men of the United States Army were required to take training with rifles and that the extent of this training during the war period could be ascertained from any army officer having service during that period.

Agent contacted Mr. Faris of the Information Department of the Executive Division, Adjutant General's Office, in the War and Navy Building, who stated that all the records there had been sent to the World War Division, Building E, and that he had no further records concerning Joseph H. Adams.

The records given above are in the custody and control of the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

There was no information in the records showing the firearm training of Joseph H. Adams during the war and it was stated to Agent by both Miss Whitlock and Mr. Faris that during the war period due to the number of men no record was kept of the individual training given the men but that during peace time a regular record was kept of their firearm training. However, both stated that all enlisted men during the war were given this training and that surely Adams being a first sergeant for a period of about one year in France, knew all about the handling of a Browning Automatic Rifle.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-22**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5-4-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-2, 10, 11, 17, 23, 30-35 &amp; 5-1, 2-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. G. REED</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> No information obtained relative to whereabouts of Volney Davis from members of "Get Acquainted Correspondence Club" interviewed in this district. Temporary wanted notices for subjects Doyle, Murray, Campbell, Davis, Weaver, Sawyer and Eaton removed from identification Bureaus of Police Departments at Macon &amp; Atlanta, Georgia, Montgomery &amp; Birmingham, Alabama, in accordance with Bureau instructions. Individual named John Moran who left forwarding address, Atlanta, Georgia to Birmingham, Alabama, thence to Warrenville, Ill., apparently not identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran. No further information concerning subjects available in this district.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCES:</b> Report of Special Agent F. T. McIntyre, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama, dated 4-2-35. Report of Special Agent J. E. Lunsford, Birmingham, Alabama dated 4-30-35. Bureau Letters dated 3-26-35, 4-4-35 and 4-26-35. Report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago, Illinois, dated 4-29-35. Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 4-4-35.</p>			
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With reference to Bureau letter dated March 26, 1935;  
At Macon, Georgia on April 17, and 19, 1935, Special Agent W. E. Overstreet  
through J. C. Smith of the Identification Bureau of the County and City  
Police, caused the removal of the temporary wanted notices on the following:

Jess Doyle, #99482  
Edna Murray, #99397  
Harry Campbell, Bureau #419,856, I. O. #1236  
Volney Davis, Bureau #400,441, I. O. #1237  
William Weaver, #17920, I. O. #1238  
Harry Sawyer, Bureau #421,335, I. O. #1240  
Myrtle Eaton, Bureau #337,474, I. O. #1241

At Atlanta, Georgia, Special Agent J. E. Lunsford on April  
2, 1935 caused the removal from the Atlanta Police Department Identification  
Bureau and the Fulton County Police Department Identification Bureau the  
above indicated wanted notices.

At Montgomery, Alabama, Special Agent W. M. Sirene  
ascertained through Mr. Nettles of the Montgomery Police Department Identi-  
fication Bureau that the temporary wanted notices on the above individuals  
had been removed.

At Birmingham, Alabama, Special Agent L. A. Obenshain and  
this agent ascertained that the above indicated temporary wanted notices  
had been removed from the local Police Department Identification Bureau.

Relative to the members of the "Get Acquainted Correspond-  
ence Club" whose headquarters is box 1251 Denver, Colorado, a list of whose  
members was furnished to Volney Davis under the alias of G. L. Harper, the  
members of this club residing in this district were interviewed, as follows:

Special Agent A. H. Watkins interviewed Sarah Jane Martin,  
R.F.D. #1, Duluth, Georgia, who advised that she had written to the "Get  
Acquainted Club" Box 1251, Denver Colorado, but stated that she had received  
no names through that club, as when she learned that she must pay \$.25 for  
these names, she decided not to secure them.

Miss Martin also advised that she has received several  
letters through correspondence clubs, but that she has received none from a  
person using the name of George Lawrence Harper, the alias used by subject  
Volney Davis, in joining with the club, offices in Denver, Colorado.

Miss Martin was given the address of the Birmingham office  
of the Bureau and stated that she would immediately send any letter to that  
office which she might receive from George Lawrence Harper.

Special Agent Charles Holtz interviewed Miss Ann G. Crenshaw, "The Ridge", Greenville, Alabama, Miss Lillie Mae Reeder, Route #1, Box 34A, Dothan, Alabama, both of whom stated that they had not received mail from Davis, alias Harper. Both agreed to immediately notify this office in the event they subsequently learned his address.

Special Agent Holtz ascertained through Mrs. R. O. Phillips, Gabbettville, Georgia, that Mrs. Fannie Lee Noland is now residing at 48 Holt Street in Montgomery, Alabama.

Reference is made to page 2 of the report of Special Agent F. T. McIntyre, Jr., dated at Birmingham, Alabama 4-2-35, wherein is mentioned a forwarding address of John Moran, discovered at Atlanta, Georgia and from there traced to Birmingham, Alabama where a forwarding address card was left by this individual to Warrenville, Illinois. The report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, dated at Chicago, Illinois 4-4-35, page 5, indicates that this particular John Moran was identified as a local individual in and around Warrenville, Illinois and not subject Dr. Joseph P. Moran of this file. In corroboration of this, there was sent to the Bureau for attention of the Laboratory by this office the signed forwarding address card left by John Moran at Birmingham, and the Bureau advised by letter on April 5, 1935 that it is probable that subject Joseph P. Moran did not sign this card, although a good comparison could not be made, inasmuch as there is only a single signature of Moran on file.

On April 10, 1935 there was received by the Birmingham office from A. C. Aderhold, Warden, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, a letter enclosing a letter received by him, signed "Jones", together with a map and newspaper which had been in this letter. This letter, map and newspaper were all forwarded to the Bureau for Laboratory attention by letter from the Birmingham office on April 11, 1935. The contents of the letter signed "Jones" are rather unintelligible. It made some reference to a "Hide-out" at Havana Cuba, St. Petersburg, Florida and Louisville, Kentucky. It mentions the names of U. S. Deputy Marshal James Valentine at Stanton, Ill., W. B. Mahoney, St. Louis, Mo. "Ch'd De Affairs" Mexico City, Mexico. The final two paragraphs are as follows: "With in the Chicago, Ill. Eaiarie (?) in apper Namptan of Criminal." Under this is the line - "O. Karpis - H. Chapan."

This letter was probably written by some "Crank" but its general substance is being set forth for whatever interest it might have for various offices, it being left to the discretion of the St. Louis and Chicago Offices as to whether Deputy U. S. Marshal James Valentine at Stanton and W. B. Mahoney at St. Louis should be checked to ascertain their identity and criminal connections.

The Bureau Laboratory by letter dated April 24, 1935 reported that the handwriting on this letter had been searched without effecting an identification; that it had also been compared with that appearing on

letters previously received in this case, without result; that the physical characteristics of the stationery had been recorded in the Laboratory for comparison with possible future specimens, although no water mark appeared on either the letter paper or envelope.

The Bureau Laboratory on April 26, 1935 advised by letter that the above letter, newspaper and map had been examined for latent fingerprints and that one fragmentary impression was found on the letters, one latent fingerprint and a palmar impression were developed on the outside of the envelope and a fragmentary finger impression was found on the newspaper; that these impressions had been compared without results with the prints of the individuals connected with this case, a list of which is not being set forth, as results were negative and no identifications were made.

On March 23, 1935, letters were forwarded to Mr. Ray Benson, Chief Clerk of the Automobile & Tax License Department, State Tax Commission, Montgomery, Alabama and to Mr. P. McWhorter, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, State Revenue Commission, Atlanta, Georgia, asking that the Birmingham office be advised whether or not 1934 Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4543656, serial I-DA-0749267, and 1933 Pontiac Coach, motor #935155, serial #815237, had been registered in the States of Alabama and Georgia, and if not, asking that stop notices be placed thereon. Replies were received advising that no such automobiles had been registered in the State of Alabama and advising that flash notices had been placed, and in the event the cars are registered, the Birmingham office would be immediately advised. No reply has been received from Mr. McWhorter at Atlanta, Georgia. However, it is believed advisable to recheck all cars set forth in the report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, dated at Chicago, Illinois 4-29-35, both at Montgomery, Alabama and Atlanta, Georgia, and a lead to do so at Birmingham and Atlanta is being set forth hereinafter.

On March 9, 1935, information was received from E. G. Leonard, Service Manager of Drennen Motor Company, 20th Street and Avenue D, Birmingham, Alabama that a salesman of that company while demonstrating a car to a customer had been approached by 2 men with guns. The necessary investigation was made by Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, and it was ascertained that no display of guns had occurred; that the woman, Mrs. Botton, to whom the salesman was demonstrating the car, purchased the automobile through the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, after investigation determined that Mrs. Botton's reputation and income was sufficient to grant the credit. The purchase of this new Pontiac Sedan by Mrs. Botton cost over \$1,000.00.

Photographs of the members of the Karpis Gang and Thomas Robinson, Jr. were displayed to L. G. Kelly, salesman, and no identifications were made.

Relative to the telegram received by Joe Adams on April 10, 1935, sent from Atlanta, Georgia on the same date and signed "Ben Johnson"; the Birmingham office was telegraphically advised by the Bureau on May 2, 1935, that the handwriting on the original telegram filed with the Postal Telegraph authorities at Atlanta, Georgia has many similarities of the handwriting of Volney Davis. This information was immediately telephonically transmitted to Special Agent J. E. Lunsford, at Atlanta, Georgia by Acting Special Agent in Charge, D. O. Smith, with necessary instructions to conduct thorough investigation in that city in the vicinity of the Terminal Station.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE ATLANTA OFFICE is requested to carry out leads set forth in reference report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Chicago, Ill., 4-4-35, copy of which is being forwarded herewith, which lead, prior to the reallocation of territory, had been forwarded to the Birmingham office; also recheck all automobiles listed in the report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, dated at Chicago, Illinois 4-29-35, (copy of which likewise is being forwarded) at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Atlanta, Georgia, in order to remove stop notices on automobiles whose location is not desired by this Bureau and to place such notices for cars whose location is sought by the Bureau.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE, it is suggested, if deemed advisable, will ascertain the identity and contacts of Deputy U. S. Marshal James Valentine, Stanton, Illinois, mentioned in the letter signed "Jones" referred to in the body of this report.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE, it is suggested, if deemed advisable, will check the identity and connections of W. B. Mahoney, whose name is mentioned in the above indicated letter signed "Jones" received by the Warden at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Montgomery, Alabama, will recheck all automobiles mentioned in the report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, dated 4-29-35 at Chicago, Illinois, in order to remove stop notices on automobiles whose location is not desired by this Bureau and to place such notices for cars whose location is sought; will also interview Fanny Lee Noland, formerly at Gabbettville, Georgia, whose name was furnished Volney Davis, alias Harper, in order to ascertain whether Davis under this alias has contacted her, and made arrangements for Fanny Lee Noland to notify the Birmingham office in the event he does. As the Birmingham office received only one copy of Special Agent McDade's report, referred to above, that copy is forwarded to the Atlanta Office, and list of the cars shown therein is being retained in the Birmingham File.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

May 4, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
FUG; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.  
1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.  
1237, FUG; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with  
aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER, with  
aliases, I.O. 1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1241; OLIVER A. BERG,  
with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. HARBORING OF FUGITIVES.  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT. St. Paul File 7-30.

With reference to the letter directed to the Bureau by the  
Pittsburgh Office under date of May 1, 1935, wherein mention was  
made of the fact that WYNONA BURDETTE may possibly have information  
as to the whereabouts of ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL, and sug-  
gesting she be interviewed here or that arrangements be effected  
for ARTHUR P. BURDETTE to interview her after her return to Milan,  
Michigan, I should like to state that numerous extended interviews  
have been had with WYNONA BURDETTE by several agents since her ar-  
rival here, and she has consistently maintained she has no informa-  
tion regarding the location of any of the fugitives in this case, and  
has indicated she would not disclose such information if she did poss-  
ess it, particularly as to HARRY CAMPBELL.

In view of these circumstances, I am definitely of the opinion  
that WYNONA BURDETTE should not be interviewed by a representative of  
the Bureau along the lines suggested in letter of reference until  
after ARTHUR P. BURDETTE, her brother, has been afforded an oppor-  
tunity to confer with her, or it is definitely decided not to proceed  
along that line.

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Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN, U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

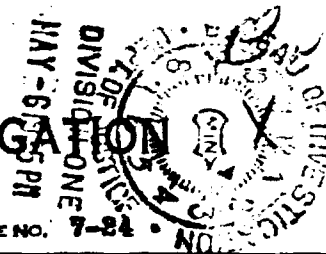
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

Jax FILE NO. **7-24**



REPORT MADE AT: <b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>May 4, 1935</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>Jan. 16, 1935</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>S. K. McKee</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--FUGITIVE--I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases--I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases--I. O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases--FUGITIVE--I. O. #1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases--I. O. #1238; SYNOPSIS: HARRISON with aliases--I. O. #1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases--I. O. #1240; MYRTLE RATON with aliases--I. O. #1241--ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>	
<p>Agents C. G. Campbell and S. K. McKee registered at El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, 7:00 P. M. January 16, 1935, and immediate interview had with Clark L. E. Gray during which photographs of various persons connected this case were shown him. Gray identified pictures of Kate Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis as former guests; promised to cooperate in efforts to locate; and said he would treat interview confidentially. Further interview had later same night with Gray by same Agents, also Agent R. D. Brown, who made arrangements for future contacts with Gray. Agents Campbell and McKee departed El Comodoro Hotel January 20, 1935.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: Following the apprehension of Kate and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, by Bureau Agents on January 16, 1935, Special Agents R. D. Brown, C. C. Charles, and C. L. Davis 3-24-35</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-5829	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAY 8 1935</b>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: <b>3 Bureau 2 Cincinnati 2 St. Paul 1 U. S. Atty., Jacksonville, Fla. 1 U. S. Atty., Miami, Fla. 2 Jacksonville</b>		UNITED STATES <b>MAY 6 - A.M.</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <b>ONE UP SECT</b> FILE	CHECKED OFF: <b>MAY 21 1935</b> JACKETED:

R. L. Jones, C. G. Campbell and S. K. McKee proceeded to Miami, Florida, via airplane, arriving at 5:00 P. M. Agents proceeded to the Hotel Alcazar, where Agents Brown and Jones registered, and where it was decided that Agents Campbell and McKee should check into the Hotel El Comodoro, concerning which investigation had been made during November 1934. Agents Campbell and McKee registered at the latter hotel at about 7:00 P. M., being assigned to Room #701 by Clerk L. E. Gray, who was behind the desk at the time. Agent Campbell had made inquiries of Gray during November 1934, and, at the time of registering, for the purpose of making further inquiries, requested Gray to come to Agents' room as soon as it was convenient.

Mr. Gray came to Agents' room shortly thereafter. He was told that Agents were in Miami for the purpose of trying to apprehend certain persons wanted in the Bremer kidnaping case. He remarked that he had read of this case in the newspapers but did not know the names of any of the persons connected with it. He stated that he had read in Miami papers of the same day of the shooting in Northern Florida in which a woman and her son had been killed, it being mentioned in the news articles that these people were wanted for the kidnaping of Bremer in St. Paul, Minnesota. Agents, at this time, advised they had just come from Oklawaha, where the shooting had occurred, and were looking for associates of the persons who had been killed. Gray was told that Agents had information that Joe Adams, Manager of the hotel, was connected with the Barker-Karpis gang who had kidnaped Bremer, and request was made of him at this time to treat Agents' conversations with him in the strictest of confidence. He promised to cooperate with Agents to the fullest extent, remarking at the time that he couldn't imagine Adams' being mixed up with the gang.

Photographs of various persons connected with this investigation were shown to Gray, including those of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Volney Davis, William Weaver, Harry Campbell, Kate Barker, William J. Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Russell Gibson, Doc Moran, as well as other miscellaneous pictures. The individuals under indictment in this matter were pointed out. Gray identified pictures of Kate Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis as persons who had been guests at the hotel. He knew Kate Barker as Mrs. Ryan, Fred Barker as T. C. Blackburn, Harry Campbell as George Summers, but he could not recall the name under which Karpis had been registered. He said he had thought that Fred Barker and Harry Campbell were the sons of Kate Barker, as they had been at the hotel on various occasions together, and as she had taken a great interest in their welfare. He also said that Campbell had been at the hotel with his wife on several occasions, the last of which was only several days ago. He could not remember the last time Karpis was at the hotel but said he thought it was about five or six weeks ago. Gray could not describe the woman who came to the hotel with Campbell as his wife, saying that all of these people remained in their rooms the majority of the time and even had their meals sent upstairs.

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Dolores Delaney was described to Gray, emphasis being placed on the fact that she was in a pregnant condition. Gray advised that a young woman answering this description had been in the hotel either that day or the preceding day and had eaten lunch in the coffee shop. He said that he had seen the same woman in the hotel on prior occasions and believed she had made a trip to Havana, Cuba, in company with Nathaniel Heller, Manager of the Parkview Hotel in Havana. He stated that this woman was not living in the hotel and that he did not know where she was living.

Gray was asked to look up the registration records of the several individuals whom he had identified and to furnish same to Agents later during the night. He promised to do this in such a way that other employees of the hotel would know nothing about it.

Agents McKee and Campbell returned to the Hotel Alcazar and discussed their conversation with Gray with Agent Brown. It should be stated here that Gray had advised that he had only been in Miami a short time, having recently come from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he had been connected with some hotel. Agent Brown informed that he believed he was personally acquainted with Gray and, for that reason, would like to talk with him.

At about 10:30 P. M. on the same night Agents Campbell, Brown and McKee went to the Hotel El Comodoro, where Gray was contacted. It developed that Agent Brown was acquainted with Gray. Gray came to Agents' room, where he was re-interviewed. He again identified the same photographs and told the same story as he had told before. At this time he mentioned marital troubles he had had with his wife and advised that he was broke. Agents informed him that the Government was willing to pay a considerable sum of money for information leading to the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. The fact that the Government was particularly interested in Karpis was emphasized. Gray said he was interested in securing this money, as he could surely use it. He agreed to work with Agents on a confidential basis. At this time, however, he remarked that he felt a bit peculiar about furnishing information which might work against his employer.

At the time of this interview with Gray he had in his possession registration cards of the hotel, which covered the accounts of Mrs. Ryan, T. C. Blackburn and G. F. Summers. He said he would make a complete search of the registrations when he had an opportunity. The records he had with him covered accounts incurred during October 1934.

In order that no suspicion be aroused at the hotel, it was arranged that Gray should only be contacted for information by Agent Brown. He was told that Agent Brown was stopping at the Hotel Alcazar, where he could be reached by telephone.

Agents Campbell and McKee remained registered at the Hotel

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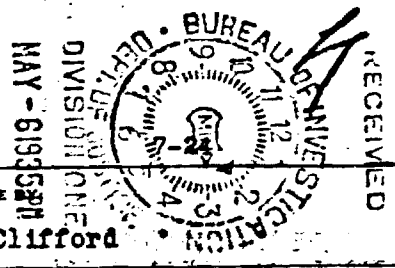
El Comodoro until the early morning of January 20, 1935, at which time they departed for Havana, Cuba.

This report was prepared on May 2, 1935, to show exactly the attitude of Informant Gray. His brief statements were requested by Mr. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who will handle the prosecution in this case.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio



REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-29-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-10, 11, 12, 19/25-35	REPORT MADE BY: T. M. Clifford
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping Harboring and Obstruction of Justice National Firearms Act
<p>Portland Real Estate Agencies contacted and photographs of subjects displayed. Mrs. Grace Dorney and Mrs. Josephine Walsh at Portland Realty Board partially identify subject Karpis making inquiry for purchase small tract of land. Referred to real estate brokers, but fails to appear. R. H. Langford, employee, Rich's News Stand, partially identifies same person as Karpis, requesting Detroit and Chicago newspapers. Mrs. L. Palmer, elevator starter, Wilcox Building, also identifies person at Portland Realty Board as resembling Karpis. Hotels, real estate brokers and gambling houses, Portland, also greyhound races, Vancouver, Washington, covered without further identification. Secretary of State's office, Salem, Oregon, Director of Licenses, Olympia, Washington, searched for registration of subjects with aliases, with negative results.</p> <p>P.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, February 21, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Portland, Oregon:</p> <p>The reference report indicates that subject, Volney Davis, had during the months of October and November 1934 communicated with R. A. Smith</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. J. Connelley</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-576-5830
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Supervisor of the Agriculture Department of the Union Pacific System at Omaha during which subject Davis apparently was interested in obtaining information regarding farm lands in the states of Oregon and Washington. It being assumed that subject Davis was probably obtaining such information for the purpose of locating a hideout in either Washington or Oregon, this agent proceeded to contact real estate brokers in the city of Portland.

Mr. Bob Mount, manager of the Better Business Bureau, Park Building, 729 S. W. Alder, was interviewed. Information regarding subject Davis, as well as the other subjects reflected in the title of this case, was submitted to Mr. Mount, together with photographs of these individuals. Mr. Mount was requested to consider the information confidential, but it was suggested to him that he inform the real estate brokers of the Better Business Bureau to be on the lookout for anyone of the description of subject Davis, who might be seeking farm land in Oregon. Mr. Mount expressed a willingness to cooperate with the Bureau and stated that he would carry out the suggestion of agent in notifying real estate brokers at Portland.

Mrs. Grace Dorney, secretary of the Portland Realty Board, 506 S. W. 6th Avenue, in the Wilcox Building, was interviewed. At this time Mrs. Josephine Walsh, residing at 2411 S. E. Madison Street, Portland, was assisting Mrs. Dorney in the office of the Portland Realty Board as a gratuitous employee. The strip picture of subjects was displayed to Mrs. Dorney and Mrs. Walsh, with the request that they be on the lookout for anyone answering the description of subjects who might make inquiries at the office of the Portland Realty Board for the purpose of obtaining information in regard to farm lands in Oregon.

Mrs. V. M. Strohm, Assistant State Real Estate Commissioner, in the Oregon Building, 509 S. W. Oak Street, was contacted and requested to be on the lookout for subject Davis in the event he should call at that office regarding farm lands. Mrs. Strohm was shown a picture of Davis and other subjects of this case, and advised to notify the Bureau office should any of these subjects make their appearance in her office.

Horace Dryer, Real Estate Broker, with offices in the Merchants Trust Building, was contacted. It is to be noted that Mr. Dryer is considered the principal Portland real estate broker dealing in farm lands in Oregon. Agent displayed the photograph of Davis and other subjects to Mr. Dryer, requesting him to notify this office should any one answering the description of subjects inquire of him with reference to the leasing or purchasing of farm lands in Oregon. Mr. Dryer assured agent that he was very anxious to cooperate and would be on the lookout for subjects and notify the Bureau office if he were contacted.



Mr. Kenneth Miller, in charge of the Land Department of the S. P. & S. Railway, 1101 American Bank Building, was contacted by this agent. Mr. Miller has the reputation of having a very complete file on all prospects and those communicating with his office regarding the purchase of railroad lands in Oregon and Washington. A search of the files was made by Mr. Miller, in the presence of agent, for the purpose of ascertaining whether subject Davis or any of his aliases has communicated with his office requesting information regarding land. This search was made with negative results. Mr. Miller viewed the photograph of Davis and other subjects and stated that he would notify the Portland Bureau office in the event communications were received or personal contact made by any of these subjects.

R. H. Kipp, manager of the Land Department, Portland Chamber of Commerce, was interviewed. Mr. Kipp was informed by agent that the Bureau is endeavoring to locate subject Davis who might make inquiry at the Chamber of Commerce with reference to the purchase of farm lands. A photograph of subject Davis, together with other subjects in this case, was shown Mr. Kipp, who promised to inform the Bureau office of any developments in this connection.

About 10 a.m., April 19, 1935, Mrs. Grace Dorney telephonically contacted this agent, advising him that a young man resembling subject Davis had just left her office after inquiring from her real estate references for the purchase of 25 acres of land near Portland. Mrs. Dorney stated that she had referred this person to real estate brokers Horace Dryer and the W. F. German Company, both engaged in the business of handling farm lands. She also stated that she had phoned Mr. Dryer and the W. F. German Company, advising them that the United States Department of Justice might be interested in this person, and to engage him in conversation in the event he called at either of these places.

This agent, together with Special Agent H. A. King, proceeded at once to the office of Horace Dryer in the Merchants Trust Building, and there made a very careful surveillance of all persons entering the Dryer office. This surveillance was maintained for approximately thirty minutes, after which this agent contacted the office assistant in Mr. Dryer's office, who informed agent that no person answering the description of subject Davis had called that morning. Agent was likewise informed that Mrs. Dorney had called the office assistant informing this young lady to delay any one answering the description of Davis, in the event he called. Mr. Dryer was absent from the office at this time and agent was informed that any one calling and making inquiry for farm lands who in any way answered the description of subject Davis, would be detained and this office discreetly advised by telephone.

This agent then proceeded to the Wilcox Building, and interviewed both Mrs. Grace Dorney and Mrs. Josephine Walsh, who gave the



following information. That at approximately 9:45 a.m., a young man between the ages of 25 and 30 years, approximately 5 feet 9 inches tall, dark hair, dark piercing eyes, slender build, dressed in a dark blue suit, double breasted coat, very neat in appearance, soft spoken and poised and having the appearance of a gambler, had entered the office of the Portland Realty Board and requested information as to where he could contact someone who would be interested in selling 25 acres of land close to Portland. Mrs. Walsh stated that she recalled immediately that she had seen a likeness of this person on one of the photographs displayed to her when agent previously called at this office, and that she discreetly walked across the room, nudging Mrs. Dorney, and at the same time placing a small card with the notation thereon, Department of Justice, on the desk of Mrs. Dorney. Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Dorney both stated that although the manner in which Mrs. Walsh contacted Mrs. Dorney at this time was in their opinion discreetly made, that this action apparently did not escape the attention of this person, who thereafter appeared nervous and anxious to depart. Mrs. Dorney informed agent that she told the person calling that he could in all probability find what he wanted if he would call on Horace Dryer or the W. F. German Company, real estate agents in Portland. At this time she stated that suspect did not appear further interested and left the office without permitting Mrs. Dorney to write the names of references for him.

It was immediately noted from the description of this person given agent by Mrs. Dorney and Mrs. Walsh that subject Davis was not apparently the person who had called at this office. Agent again displayed the strip photograph of subjects for further examination, and both Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Dorney selected the photograph of subject Karpis as resembling very much the person who had called at their office early that morning. This identification can be readily understood in view of the fact that agent had previously shown the pictures of Karpis, Campbell, Davis and others to Mrs. Dorney and Mrs. Walsh, at an earlier interview.

Agent then proceeded to the first floor of the Wilcox Building and interviewed Mrs. L. Palmer, the elevator starter in this building. Mrs. Palmer recalled that she had referred a young man to the office of the Portland Realty Board after he had made inquiry of her as to the location of this office. Mrs. Palmer stated that this inquiry was made about 9:30 in the morning and she recalled the young man as being approximately 28 years of age, slender build, dark hair, well dressed and with a peculiar skin which she described as being bumpy. She did not recall the color of this person's eyes, the type of his fingers, and did not remember seeing this person again. The strip photograph of subjects was displayed to Mrs. Palmer and she immediately selected the picture of Karpis and stated that the young man who talked to her on this occasion resembled his photograph.

Agent proceeded to the Rich News Stand, corner 6th Avenue and Washington Street. This news stand handles practically all of the out of town newspapers. It was thought by agent that in the event subject Karpis or other members of the Bremer kidnaping gang were in this vicinity, it would be likely that a call would be made for Eastern newspapers. Mr. Jess Rich, owner of this stand, which does a flourishing business, and Mr. R. H. Langford, an employee of Mr. Rich, were interviewed and asked if they had any particular calls for Eastern newspapers during the day. Mr. Langford immediately stated that a young man had called at the news stand inquiring for a Detroit and Chicago newspaper as of Sunday, April 14th. Mr. Langford informed agent that he had told this person that he had sold all Detroit papers as of that date, but could furnish him with a Chicago Tribune of that issue. The person calling informed Mr. Langford that he would not accept the one paper without the other, but stated that he would call again on Wednesday, April 24th, which is the day the Sunday edition of these papers is received at the Rich News Stand, at which time he would purchase both the Detroit and Chicago papers as of Sunday, April 21st. Mr. Langford described this young man as being approximately 30 years of age, slender build, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches tall, well dressed, in a dark blue suit. The strip picture of subjects was displayed to Mr. Langford, who immediately picked out the picture of subject Alvin Karpis, and stated that picture resembles the person who called for these papers. Mr. Rich and Mr. Langford were immediately requested to be on the lookout for the return of this person and to notify the Bureau office immediately by telephone if this customer again called. Both Mr. Rich and Mr. Langford promised to cooperate and advise the Bureau office immediately if this person called again for newspapers.

Agent contacted Max Stone, who operates a news stand at 5th and Washington Street. Mr. Stone also handles some out of town newspapers, but does not do as extensive a business as that of the Rich News Stand. Mr. Stone did not recall that any one resembling subject Karpis had made inquiries from him or purchased newspapers from Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, or Detroit. A photograph of subjects in this case was displayed to Mr. Stone and he promised agent that he would notify the Bureau office immediately in the event any one answering the description of subjects purchased or attempted to purchase foreign newspapers at his stand.

Together with Special Agent H. A. King, Captain J. J. Keegan, Chief of the Portland Detective Bureau was contacted and informed that one or more of subjects might be in or about Portland, and requested him to be on the lookout for subjects. Information was also obtained from Captain Keegan that Lieutenant Pat Moloney, chief of the Vice Squad, might

be in a position to cover all gambling houses in the city of Portland in the event subjects made their appearance in these places.

This agent, accompanied by Special Agent J. C. Ellsworth, contacted Lieut. Pat Moloney, and displayed a photograph of all subjects to him, and requested that particular attention should be directed toward the apprehension of these men who might visit any of the gambling houses operating in Portland. Lieut. Moloney informed agents that gambling houses have been closed for some time but that they were about to open up again, and that he would make every effort to cause a surveillance to be made of patrons in these places who were strangers to him or his squad. Full cooperation in apprehending subjects was promised by Lieut. Moloney.

It was ascertained that greyhound races would open Saturday evening, April 20, 1935, at Vancouver, Washington. In view of the fact that subjects have been known to frequent dog races, agents from the Bureau office proceeded to Vancouver, Washington, on the night of April 20th, checked the patrons entering the gates, and otherwise mingled with the crowd, but were unable to identify any one attending the races as being the subject in this case. This surveillance was continued on April 22, 23 and 24, with negative results.

On April 24th close surveillance of the Rich and Stone News Stands was made, inasmuch as the person resembling subject Karpis stated that he would call for the Detroit and Chicago papers on this date. This surveillance was made without result.

It should be noted that the person making inquiry of Mrs. Dorney for farm land did not call at the Dryer Real Estate Agency or the W. F. German Company offices, surveillance having been made at these offices during all of April 19, 1935. Both of these agencies advised they would be on the lookout for any person answering the description of subject Karpis, and this office advised immediately should he make inquiry.

Room clerks and clerks of cigar stands in the following hotels were contacted by this agent: Benson; Multnomah; Heathman; New Heathman; Imperial; Congress; Sovereign; Roosevelt, and Portland. These hotels constitute what are considered the first class hotels in Portland. Photographs of subjects were displayed to the registration clerks and the operators of cigar stands, who were unable to identify any of subjects as having been seen at these hotels. All contacts made in this regard were requested to inform the Bureau office in the event subjects should be recognized at any of these places. It is deemed inadvisable to contact other hotels, inasmuch as the clerks of these hotels might inform subjects of this activity.

Mr. C. Brekke, engaged in the insurance business at Milwaukie, a suburb of Portland, was shown a photograph of subject Karpis and it was learned from Mr. Brekke that Wallace Miller, engaged in the real estate business at Milwaukie, had rented a small house on the Willamette River, near Milwaukie, to one J. H. Cline.

This agent, together with Special Agent F. A. Grimsdell, proceeded to Milwaukie, and there interviewed Wallace Miller, who stated that he was the agent for George Bendixton, and had in the early part of March rented a small house to a man by the name of Cline, whom he described as being approximately 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weight 155 pounds, dark complexion. He stated that Cline acted suspiciously and told him at the time he rented this property that he was renting it for himself, his wife and child, but that he later was informed that this man was perhaps engaged in some illicit occupation. Agent was further informed that this man had left the premises about the 9th of April without giving any notice to him, and that his whereabouts was unknown. Mr. Miller stated, however, that the rent had been paid by Cline for one month, and that Cline had left the premises before the month was out.

Agents proceeded to the George Bendixton property on 3d Street, and after obtaining access to this house, which is presently unoccupied, determined that the occupants had possibly been engaged in the manufacture of liquor, in view of the fact that a strong odor of mash prevailed throughout the house. A diligent search was made on the premises in an effort to obtain some evidence leading to the identity of the occupants, without result. An investigation of the neighborhood at this home developed the fact that the occupants had been two men holding themselves out as bachelors; that they drove a large car and were apparently well dressed. No one in the neighborhood at this location, however, could give a description of Cline or the other occupant. Mr. Miller at the time he was interviewed selected the picture of Harry Campbell as being a similar likeness to the person who had rented the Bendixton house from him.

All real estate agents in Portland dealing in farm lands were contacted by Special Agent F. A. Grimsdell and the writer; descriptions of subjects, together with photographs, were displayed but no one could identify subjects as having made inquiry regarding the purchase of farm lands in this community.

This agent obtained from the Director of Licenses at Olympia, Washington, a list of all real estate brokers in the state of Washington.

A list of licensed real estate brokers in the state of Oregon was obtained by this agent from Mrs. V. M. Strohm, Assistant State Real Estate Commissioner for the state of Oregon.

Contacts were made at the Kennel Club, Vancouver, Washington, with C. W. Stewart in charge of programs, and Mr. L. Sullivan on special guard. Photographs of subjects were displayed and special request was made for these men to be on the constant lookout for subjects, and this office advised if subjects appeared at the races being held nightly, with the exception of Sundays, about four miles northeast of Vancouver.

Special Agent F. A. Grimsdell made a search of all automobile tourist camps near Portland, in an effort to locate subjects, with negative results.

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PORTLAND OFFICE: Will distribute Identification Orders of subjects to all real estate brokers in the states of Washington and Oregon, requesting them to be on the lookout for these subjects in the event they purchase or attempt to purchase or lease real estate in Washington and Oregon.

Contacts will be continued with Lieut. Pat Moloney of the Portland Police Department, with a view of locating subjects in gambling houses and night clubs.

Surveillance of night clubs by agents will be made in an effort to locate and identify subjects.

At Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, contacts will be made with police departments and a survey of gambling houses will be made for the purpose of endeavoring to locate subjects.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5-2-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-30-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. T. WANN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive I. O. 1218, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Enlarged photograph of Subject Harry Campbell shown to former employer Mack Welch, Police Captain W. C. Miller and others of Casper, Wyoming who state same bears much resemblance to Subject.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: <b>A letter from the Bureau to E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Ill., dated, 4-5-35.</b></p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>AT CASPER, WYOMING</u></p> <p>Agent exhibited the enlarged photograph of Subject Harry Campbell which was taken between the years of 1921 and 1925 to Mack Welch who was the former employer of Subject Campbell, having hired him as a bus driver from 1921 to 1925. Mr. Welch advised that this enlargement bore much resemblance to Campbell as of the time he had last seen him which was from three to four years ago. He added that he would have no trouble at all recognizing Campbell from this picture.</p> <p>W. C. Miller, Police Captain, advised that he had not seen Campbell for six or eight years but that this enlarged photograph was greatly a likeness of him at that time and that he was of the opinion that unless Campbell had changed considerably one would have no trouble in recognizing him from this enlargement at the present time.</p> <p>Martin Larson, Deputy Sheriff, and J. P. Jones, Patrolman, both of whom are natives of Casper and who knew Campbell, stated that the enlarged photograph of the latter bore much resemblance to him as of the time when they had last</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay E. Newman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<b>7-576-5831</b> MAY 6 - A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>ONE</i> FILE	
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Detroit, Michigan  
May 4, 1935

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John J. Ryan, Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Mr. Ryan:

I am in receipt of your letter dated May 1, 1935,  
with which you inclosed a letter received by you from John  
Karpaviez, in which he requests permission to visit Dolores  
Delaney. If this visit would be permissible under the present  
regulations of your institution, there would be no objection on  
the part of this office. The letter received from John Karpaviez  
is returned herewith.

There is also returned herewith a letter written  
by Dolores Delaney and addressed to Mrs. Emily Newbold in Chicago,  
Illinois, which has been scrutinized by this office.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in  
this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1935

Time - 9:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Backus.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
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Mr. Shivers called from the Little Rock Office and advised that the Chief of Police at Hot Springs, Arkansas, had received information from an informant that the informant had seen Alvin Karpis, together with several other men and women, on a house boat located on the Mississippi River at Marked Tree, Arkansas. The informant claims that he knew Karpis when they were serving time together in the penitentiary; that the house boat is owned by a prominent gambler and that several speed boats were moored to the house boat, presumably for use in making a quick get-away if necessary.

Mr. Shivers is proceeding immediately to Hot Springs to interview the informant and obtain the necessary data. Mr. Shivers will call the Bureau after he has interviewed the informant.

I informed Mr. Shivers that under no circumstances should he proceed to Marked Tree and attempt to effect the apprehension of Karpis until the Bureau had been advised of the information in the informant's possession; that if it appears there is sufficient reason to believe that Karpis is on this house boat, a raid will be carefully planned and executed. Mr. Shivers assured me that the Bureau would be advised of the results of his interview with the informant before any action is taken.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM

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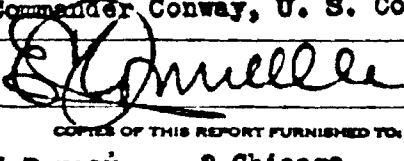
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO.

7-45

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-3-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-25-26-35	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. CONNELLEY : MCR
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I. O. #1218 - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases - I. O. #1235; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases - I. O. #1237 - FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I. O. #1232; WILLIAM TRAVER with aliases, I. O. #1238; HARRY SANYER with aliases, I. O. #1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases I. O. #1239; MYRTLE RATON with aliases I. O. #1241 et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Synopsis of Facts: Based upon information indicated by the file that previously members of the Karpis-Barker gang while contacting Bert and Ted Angus at Toledo, Ohio during the early Summer of 1934 had visited Middle Island in Lake Erie while it was open during the Summer Season. Agents [redacted] in a boat furnished by the Coast Guard, visited this island on April 25, 1935 and made a check thereof and nothing was found to indicate that any of the members of this gang had been there during the past Winter, nor was there anybody there other than the caretaker.			
DETAILS: Reference: Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan dated April 27, 1935. Bureau letter dated March 8, 1935. Details: On April 25, 1935 arrangements were effected with Commander Conway, U. S. Coast Guard Station, Trenton, Michigan, for			
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the use of a cutter to proceed to Middle Island in Lake Erie, which is located in Canadian waters, about eighteen miles North of Lakeside, Ohio about sixty miles by water from Detroit, Michigan. Previously Agent together with Special Agent in Charge Larson [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the purpose of making a search for these subjects on Middle Island.

On April 26, 1935, at 4:00 A.M., in Coast Guard Cutter in charge of Chief Boatswain Sivert Hunsdett and John McPherson of the U. S. Coast Guard, we proceeded from Tranton, Michigan to Middle Island, together with [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge Larson, Agents Fortenberry, Collins and Willard. Upon arrival at Middle Island same was searched and every indication was that nobody had been residing on that Island other than the regular caretaker and a friend of his. Harold Williams, age 31, single, of Leamington, Canada, who was described as 5'11", weight 170#, dark brown hair, grey eyes, who resides on this Island in the Winter and makes a living by fishing, was interviewed and he partially identified the picture of Alvin Karpis as being that of a party seen at the island by him during the past summer season, however, he was unable to identify any of the other subjects in this case. This individual leads a very poor existence on this island and by arrangements [REDACTED] he agreed should any member of this gang, the pictures of whom were shown to him, appear at the Island at any time in the future, he will immediately telephone such information [REDACTED]

There is no telephone communication to this island and it will be necessary for him to proceed to the main land on the Canadian side in order to make the telephone call as indicated. During the Summer months he works part of the time around the island at various odd jobs as he can secure from the parties who run the island. This party was familiar with such parties as Bert Angus, W. G. Tibbels, who is indicated as registered from Danbury, Ohio, Joseph Roscoe, who is indicated as registered from Toledo, Ohio, W. W. Pellett, who is registered from Cleveland, Ohio, R. B. Pierce, who was registered from Sandusky, Ohio, James Feak, registered from Toledo, Ohio, and Edward Swartz, from Port Clinton, Ohio, and Joe Lazzarro registered from Cleveland, Ohio, all of whom are friends or associates of Angus, Tibbels, Roscoe, etal. This party is not particularly friendly with any of these individuals and it is believed that in consideration of \$500.00 offered to him should he turn in information which would result in the apprehension of Karpis, that he will furnish this information when and if he obtains it.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT: Jacksonville, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-5-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4,8,9,10-35	REPORT MADE BY: ROSWELL E. SMITH
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Belva Kirk and Carl Baker unknown in Orlando, Florida. Inez Meredith and Norman J. Baker fulfil every description of Belva Kirk and Carl Baker but not believed identical.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Chicago Office dated March 16, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

Agent made exhaustive and discreet inquiries in Orlando, Florida, and failed to discover the presence or past presence of either Belva Kirk or Carl Baker.

H. V. Rucker, Superintendent of Mails, Orlando, Florida, made a thorough canvass of all carriers, of all boxes and of all general delivery files and personnel and found no one who has ever received mail in Orlando, Florida by the name of Belva Kirk or Carl Baker.

**DETAILS:**

Agent discreetly contacted [redacted] the Southern Bell Telephone Company, the Orlando Utility Company, the Municipal Light Plant, the Florida Bank of Orlando, and the First National Bank, Orlando, Florida, in an effort to find some evidence of a service connection for Belva Kirk or Carl Baker, but the results were negative.

Agent discreetly contacted the Police Department at Orlando, Florida, and without disclosing the purpose ascertained the names and addresses and descriptions of all known prostitutes in Orlando, Florida, and none of them was named Belva Kirk, and only one of them filled her physical description. She will be referred to later in this report.

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J. F. Costan, Constable, Orlando, Florida, who has previously rendered valuable assistance to the Bureau in Orlando, was discreetly contacted and questioned relative to all known bootleggers in and about Orlando. Costan is very familiar with them having been intimately connected with law enforcement work in Orlando for a number of years.

Costan stated that the list of bootleggers included only one Baker, and that his name was Norman J. Baker.

From the thorough and discreet investigation conducted above, it appeared certain that a Belva Kirk and a Carl Baker have not operated in Orlando, Florida, the past year.

There appeared, however, some similarity between two known characters in Orlando, Florida, to-wit: Norman J. Baker and Inez Meredith, with the Carl Baker and Belva Kirk mentioned in the report of reference. Agent endeavored to discover whether these latter two could be the two people referred to in report of reference.

The description of Inez Meredith is as follows:

Age	40 to 45
Weight	160 to 170
Height	5' 2"
EYES	brown
Hair	blonde
	Fairly good looking
	pleasant countenance.

The description of Norman J. Baker is as follows:

Age	35 to 40 Years
Hair	5' 3"
Weight	135 to 140
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Freckled.

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H. V. Rucker, Superintendent of Mail, Orlando, Florida, also advised that Inez Meredith had a box, No. 261 in Orlando, Florida, throughout the year 1933.

J. F. Costan, Constable, Orlando, Florida, stated that both Inez Meredith and Norman J. Baker are local criminals; that they had frequently been arrested in various counties in Florida for bootlegging and disorderly conduct and that he is also positive that neither of them have been away from Orlando in the last several years for any length of time.

O. R. Plunkett, Forest City, Florida, which is a small rural community about ten miles from Orlando, stated that J. F. Weinberner, lived down the road from him about one mile; that Weinberner had one daughter named Inez Meredith, and that Inez Meredith had no sisters; that at the present time Norman J. Baker is apparently living with Inez Meredith on the Weinberner farm; that Inez Meredith and Baker have previously been married and have been separated for several months but apparently are now living together.

Without stating who it was, or the reason for its exhibition, Agent showed O. R. Plunkett a photograph of William J. Harrison, and asked if he had seen such an individual in company with either Baker or the Meredith woman, and he replied in the negative.

[REDACTED] b7d  
Agent learned that there have been no real estate operators in Orlando by the name of Kirk or who have a Kirk or Baker for a relative. It was also learned that Inez Meredith has no sisters although she herself was in the real estate business in Miami, Florida, in 1926 and 1927, where she made considerable money, according to O. R. Estridge, Deputy Sheriff, Sanford, Florida.

Without being further advised as to the background and history of Belva Kirk and Carl Baker, it is believed that they have not been in Orlando, Florida, and that the Inez Meredith and Norman J. Baker herein referred to, are not identical with them.

P E N D I N G

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Time - 9:36 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned the Cincinnati Office and talked to Mr. Harris inquiring as to when Mr. Connelley is going to leave for New Orleans. Mr. Harris said that Mr. Connelley plans to leave on a 10:00 o'clock train for New Orleans, and will arrive there at 12:00 o'clock tomorrow. He said that Mr. Connelley could have taken an airplane this afternoon, but there was some question as to whether or not the plane would go through, so it was decided that he had better take the train to be on the safe side.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

May 1, 1935

AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. 1236  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237, FUGITIVE  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction  
of Justice; National Firearms Act

This will refer to your letter of the 29th ultimo, concern-  
ing information indicating that one Walter Marks, alleged contact for  
Alvin Karpis, was proceeding to Chicago in the near future to contact  
Karpis, according to information furnished by an unnamed informant of  
the Chicago office.

Pursuant to your request I contacted the United States  
Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, and ascertained that Walter  
Marks, who answers the description of the individual referred to in  
your letter, served a term in McNeil Island and was released August  
30, 1933. The penitentiary at McNeil Island has a communication  
reflecting that Walter Marks was received at the United States Peni-  
tentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on April 7, 1935, Leavenworth number  
46592, to serve a term of three years upon conviction of violating  
the postal laws at Dallas, Texas.

In view of the above information, it would appear that the  
data furnished by the informant who refused to give his name to the  
Chicago office is probably without foundation, for the officials  
of McNeil Island have positive knowledge that the Walter Marks now  
incarcerated at Leavenworth is the same Walter Marks who was incar-  
cerated at McNeil Island.

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In view of the above development, no further inquiry is being made here in the absence of further request from your office.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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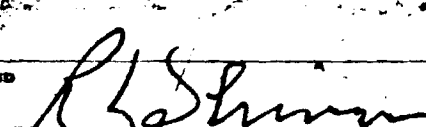
# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT: <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARK.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/2/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/26/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>I. W. DUFFY.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CALPPELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE:
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Hale Bathhouse, phone 732, Hot Springs, Arkansas, has no record or information about the telephone call on February 4, 1935, to Motion Picture Operators' Union, Chicago, Illinois. John Dale, motion picture operator, Chicago, visited Hot Springs, Arkansas, February 4, 1935, and placed a phone call on that date from Braughton's Rent-A-Car System to the Motion Picture Operators' Union, Chicago, of which he is a member.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from the Chicago Bureau office to the New York Bureau office dated April 12, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Omar Wilson, Manager, and Irma Marshall, Cashier of the Hale Bathhouse, Hot Springs, Arkansas, stated they operated a bathhouse only and have no other accommodations; that their business is conducted on a cash basis, the patients buying a book of tickets for entry each day and that they, therefore, have no records that would contain information as to the telephone call placed over their phone No. 732 on February 4, 1935, to the Motion Picture Operators' Union, Chicago, Illinois. Miss Marshall stated she would remember such a phone call for it is impossible for some.</p>			
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one to place a collect phone call and her not know it.

J. C. Shepherd, Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas, checked his records and had no information about a phone call on February 4, 1935, or near dates from the Hale Bathhouse to Chicago, Illinois. Their records did reflect a phone call from Braughton's Rent-A-Car System, No.362 at 8:57 P.M., January 28, 1935, to Midway 5807. A similar phone call was made at 9:15 P.M. February 4, 1935.

Rex Braughton, proprietor, of the Rent-A-Car System, 225 Broadway, Hot Springs, Arkansas, stated the only acquaintance he has in Chicago and the only one with whom he does business from Chicago who he knows, is John Dale who has been making a visit to Hot Springs, Arkansas, twice a year during the past several years. He stated that Dale is a motion picture operator and that he knows he is a member of the Motion Picture Operators' Union in Chicago. Braughton disclosed records reflecting that John Dale and his father rented a car each day between February 1, and February 6, 1935, and although he had no record of the telephone calls over his phone No.362 to Chicago, he stated it is possible Dale did place the calls collect and, therefore, he would not have a record. Braughton further stated that his wife has been on friendly terms for years with Dale's girl friend and that the telephone Midway 5807, is Dale's residence in Chicago and that, no doubt, his girl friend made the calls.

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Time - 11:40 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Magee telephoned from the New Orleans Office with reference to the investigation being conducted in that office in the above case, and stated that they believe they have located Harry Sawyer living in a tourist camp about four miles from Gulf Port, Mississippi, at a place called Long Beach. It appears that Sawyer is running a gambling place at Pass Christian, Miss. Mr. Magee said that Agent Meekins was in there yesterday under pretext with one of the local officers and it appears that they hold a Negro lottery there every afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. He said that it appears Sawyer is in and out of this place at various times, and there are days when he does not show up at all; that it appears this man has the slashed fore-finger mentioned in the known descriptions of Sawyer; that he is living with a woman named Ann Wright, who has a Ford automobile with a Nebraska license. In this connection, Mr. Magee said that the Identification Order on Sawyer indicates that at one time Sawyer pleaded guilty in the courts at Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Magee further said that it appears Sawyer has put quite a bit of money into his establishment there, and it is not believed that he will leave soon.

Mr. Magee, in view of the above information, said that he desired Bureau advice as to whether or not they should arrest Sawyer at once or wait until it has been definitely ascertained if any of the other subjects of the above case are there. I asked if there are any indications that he might have some more associates, other than this woman with whom he is living. Mr. Magee said that so far they have been unable to tell; that, however, it appears that Dr. Moran has been in that vicinity recently. Mr. Magee said that reasonably expeditious attention should be given to this question by the Bureau since there is a little political trouble in connection with whether or not Sawyer can run this lottery, and if the lottery is closed, Sawyer will probably leave at once.

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I asked Mr. Magee how many men he has in the office who could be used on such an investigation. He said that he wanted to go himself, and in addition, he has Agents Olson, Kindell and Meekins. I then asked if we know whether anyone else is living in the tourist camp where Sawyer is supposed to be living. He said that there are very few people at this camp, and as the owner was away at the time of the Agent's visit, the Agent did not want to make too many open inquiries for fear of creating suspicion. He said that this camp is operated by one Monroe, who is supposed to be from St. Paul.

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Memo for the Director

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I told Mr. Magee that I would discuss this matter with the Director and call him back this afternoon. Mr. Magee said that if possible, they would like to execute this raid so that no one but the two police officers who are and have been associating with the Agents in looking this place over will know about it. He said that one of these officers is a Mississippi State Highway Officer who gave the tip to the Agents in the first instance.

Mr. Magee said that the place where Sawyer is supposed to be is about two hours' drive from the New Orleans Office.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1935

Time - 9 pm

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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I telephoned Mr. Magee at Gulfport, Mississippi relative to the apprehension of Harry Sawyer, and informed him that the Director desires that this man be removed to New Orleans at once. Mr. Magee said that New Orleans is not in the same judicial district as Gulfport, but said that he could get a waiver of removal from Sawyer and would remove him to New Orleans. I told him that the Director desires that Sawyer be questioned thoroughly tonight, and arraigned in the morning; that, however, Mr. Magee should await word from the Director before arraigning Sawyer in the morning; that extreme care should be exercised to use no third-degree methods on Sawyer and thus form the basis for such a complaint. Mr. Magee said that Sawyer says he will not talk at all; however, Mr. Magee is going to assign a couple of Agents to question him at some length. I also told him that when Sawyer is arraigned, we want to get as high a bond as possible.

I suggested to Mr. Magee that we might sell Sawyer on the idea of going back to St. Paul while the trial of the above matter is in process and entering a plea of guilty. I told him that while it was somewhat doubtful whether we could make this stick, it would be worth a try.

By way of background of the activities of Sawyer, Mr. Magee said that he had built a little shack in the Negro section of the town where he had a bar room in which he sold wine and beer (no liquor), and where he was operating a lottery. With reference to this lottery, Mr. Magee said that while he did not know very much of its operation, he understood it was merely a little local affair where they had names and numbers and a drawing every afternoon about 3:00 o'clock. He said that Sawyer and his wife were residing in Cottage No. 2, Monroe Court, just off the Gulf at Long Beach, Mississippi. He said that Sawyer was living very quietly in that vicinity and while it has not been ascertained the full name under which Sawyer was going, it appears that he was known as Mr. Wright. He said that the woman with whom he is living used the name of Ann Wright. However, Mr. Magee said that Sawyer absolutely admits his identity.

I told Mr. Magee that Sawyer's real value to us lies in his knowledge of the contacts and the set-up in the St. Paul situation; that for this reason it would be very difficult for anyone to question him without knowing the facts and background of the St. Paul situation, and for this reason, I was

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trying to get in touch with Mr. Connelley, and if it is possible, I was going to ask Mr. Connelley to proceed to New Orleans as fast as possible to question Sawyer in this regard.

In discussing the situation as to Ann Wright, the alleged wife of Harry Sawyer, it was decided that there appears to be no way in which we can file on her; that, however, she should be taken to New Orleans along with Sawyer, and in this connection, Mr. Magee should get a waiver from her, which, it is believed, will be given voluntarily by all means.

Mr. Magee said that he would leave for New Orleans as soon as possible with these people.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-63**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Washington, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/3/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/20, 26/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. R. DUFFY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE; I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Veterans Bureau records reveal Subject Joseph P. Moran executed a loan on adjusted compensation certificate in the amount of \$645 on 9/2/32 at Hines, Ill. [redacted] of Subject Moran's fiancée, [redacted] receiving checks from Veterans Administration in sum of \$57.50 per month; not believed to be connected in any manner with Subject Joseph P. Moran. No record of correspondence of Subject Moran with Veterans Administration since 1928.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, dated at Chicago, Ill. 4/10/35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>The following investigation was performed by Special Agent R. P. Burruss of the Washington Field Office:</p> <p>Agent ascertained from Miss Evans, Office of Chief Disbursing Officer, Division of Disbursements, Treasury Department, Room 500, that insurance checks are being mailed monthly in the sum of \$57.50 to Mrs. Elizabeth Tracy, 3718 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, as indicated in reference report. She is the mother of Betty Tracy, the fiancée of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and with whom he</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>J.M. Keith</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<b>7-576-5842</b> <b>MAY 6 - A.M.</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <b>STAT SECT</b> FILE	
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is reported to be in close contact.

Through Miss Elizabeth Foley, World War Division, War Department, 6th and B Streets, S. W., Agent ascertained that Subject Moran has no Army serial number. His entire War Department record was sent to the Director of our Bureau by the War Department by letter dated October 16, 1934. The file reflects in addition to the data incorporated in the letter to the Director from the War Department that his application for adjusted compensation is number 4637439. It was filed with the War Department August 15, 1932. The file also indicates that he suffered from a machine gun shot wound in the right leg just above the knee while in the World War.

While it is not believed that the insurance checks for \$57.50 being mailed to Mrs. Elizabeth Tracy are definitely connected with Subject Moran, it is suggested that a thorough and complete investigation be made of the records of the Veterans Administration to definitely ascertain if Subject Moran is receiving compensation checks or disability checks in any sum whatsoever. In connection with the machine gun shot wound received by him while in the World War, the guide for making this investigation, in the absence of an Army serial number should be the application which is number 4637439. There should also be ascertained from the Veterans Administration all data pertaining to the adjusted compensation certificate issued to him, the name of beneficiary appearing thereon, the full amount of the certificate and whether he has negotiated any loans and, if so, through what channels. In view of the fact that there is a possibility of legislation being passed concerning the payment of the Soldiers' Bonus, there should be a "FLASH" placed of record in the Veterans Administration's file to notify the Washington Field Office upon receipt of any subsequent communication of any nature whatsoever from Subject Moran.

The following investigation was performed by Agent submitting this report:

On April 25, 1935, Agent contacted [redacted] in charge of compensation cases, Veterans Bureau, located at Vermont Avenue between H and I Streets, N. W., who made a search of records in her possession which revealed that J. P. Moran was issued Adjusted Compensation Certificate #4637439 in the amount of \$1290,

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which certificate named [redacted] as the beneficiary. No further information could be obtained from [redacted] who referred Agent to [redacted] Contact Division, Veterans Bureau, who was interviewed and who produced the "A" file on Subject Moran which showed that Moran had executed a 50% loan on his adjusted Compensation certificate #4637459 in the amount of \$645 on September 2, 1932 at Hines, Illinois. His address was given as 503 Main Street, Maywood, Illinois. This loan was negotiated through the Veterans Administration at Hines, Illinois, and all pertinent records relative to Subject Moran are on file at that place, hence a lead is being set out for the Chicago Office to examine these files for further information relative to Subject Moran. Payment of this loan was made on Government check #220215, Symbol #99231.

From the Veteran's compensation file #442581 the following old addresses were obtained:

733 First Street, LaSalle, Illinois (1924)  
Hooksett Road, Rindge, New Hampshire (1928)  
106 Queensberry St., Boston, Mass. (Aug. 1924)  
176 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass. (1921)  
26 Hemingway St., Boston, Mass. (July 1924)

This file further revealed that Subject Moran graduated from Tufts Medical School where he received received rehabilitation training from 1921 to 1924. This school is located at Boston, Massachusetts. He received his M. D. degree June 14, 1924. There is no record of any communication from the Veteran since 1928.

[redacted] was advised that a "FLASH" should be placed in the Veterans Administration file and upon receipt of any communication whatsoever from Subject Moran he should immediately notify this office.

Agent interviewed Miss Andrick of the Records Division, General Accounting Office, who produced Government check #220215 which showed that this check was cashed on September 6, 1932, and bore the endorsement of Joseph Patrick Moran. On the back of the check was stamped "Prairie State Bank, Oak Park, Illinois. Paid through the Chicago Clearing House to the Continental Trust Company of Chicago." No further marks appeared thereon.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE AT 733 FIRST STREET, LASALLE, ILL. (where Veteran lived in 1924). Will make inquiries attempting to develop information relative to Subject Moran's present whereabouts.

AT HINES, ILL. Will contact Veterans Administration at that place and attempt to obtain further information relative to the loan negotiated by Subject Moran on September 2, 1932.

AT OAK PARK, ILL. Will contact the Prairie State Bank for possible information of value concerning Subject Moran.

THE BOSTON OFFICE AT 106 QUEENSBERRY STREET (Veteran's address in August 1924), 176 HUNTINGTON AVENUE (Veteran's address in 1921) 26 HEMINGWAY STREET (Veteran's address in July 1924) AND AT TUFTS MEDICAL SCHOOL; ALL OF BOSTON, MASS. Will make inquiries for all pertinent information relative to Subject Moran's whereabouts and probable associates at the present time.

AT HOOKSETT ROAD, RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE (Veteran's address in 1928) Will make inquiries for all pertinent information relative to Subject Moran's whereabouts and probable associates at the present time.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will keep in touch with Mr. H. W. Perry, Contact Division, Veterans Bureau, for information as to any communications the Veterans Bureau may have with Subject Moran.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

St. Louis FILE NO. 7-45

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5-4-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-1 through 4-29-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. S. HOSTETTER DSH:F</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases I.O.#1218-FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases I.O.#1237-FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases I.O.#1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>[REDACTED]</b> furnishes additional information concerning Willie Harrison and his associates. She positively identified individual who lived with Harrison in Calumet City, Ill. during August of 1933 as Walter Holland, with aliases I.O.#1200. She likewise identified a photograph of Red O'Malley as the individual known to her as Red. Nina Bales, 3526a Pestalozzi St. apparently not acquainted with William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton. John Russell Moran will in all probability appear at Clayton, Mo. for trial during term of St. Louis County Court convening on 5-6-35. His case will in all probability be continued. Lee Turner located and interviewed.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letters of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley Chicago, Illinois dated 4-4, 10, 11, 15-35.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> <b>AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI</b></p> <p>Mr. Ed Regan Moore 4520 McKinley Ave. advised that he had become acquainted with William J. Harrison approximately 18 years ago at which time both he and Harrison were caddie boys at the Triple A Golf Club. He stated that he recalls that Clarence Coff was also a caddie at the same time. Mr. Moore further advised that he has not seen Willie Harrison for approximately eight years and that he understood that Harrison was operating a saloon in Chicago, until he read</p>			
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a recent newspaper clipping concerning Harrison's indictment at St. Paul, Minnesota in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case. Mr. Moore was unable to furnish information concerning Harrison's associates prior to the time that he went to Chicago but he did state that at one time Harrison was employed as a delivery boy by Brennan Brothers Grocery Store located on the corner of Taylor and Arco Sts., St. Louis, Missouri and he further remembered that Harrison enlisted or joined the U. S. Navy during the World War. Mr. Moore stated that he does not recall witnessing William J. Harrison's adjusted compensation certificate on December 1, 1924. He was unable to furnish information concerning Red McHugh a reported associate of Willie Harrison at the time of his arrival in Chicago, Illinois. It should be noted in this connection that Mr. Moore stated that his father was a retired St. Louis Police officer and that he himself was now employed in the Recorder's Office, City Hall, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Clemence C. LaBarge (not LaBable) 4361 Hunt St. advised that his father also was a retired St. Louis Police officer and that the Harrison family, the above mentioned Moore family and his own relatives had resided in the nearby vicinity for the past twenty years. He stated that at one time the Harrison family lived at 4460 Arco Ave. prior to moving to their present address at 4539 Gibson St. He stated that he was acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harrison, father and mother of subject, and also with Elmer, Walter, Donald and Ben all of whom are brothers of William J. Harrison. Mr. LaBarge further stated that he was employed as a caddie boy at the Triple A Golf Club at the age of eleven and that he then became acquainted with Willie Harrison, Clarence Coff and Ed Moore all of whom were also caddie boys at said club. He explained that he and the other boys with the exception of Clarence Coff, had not associated with Willie Harrison due to his windy braggart disposition. He advised however that Harrison usually congregated with the other boys in the neighborhood at Mr. J. P. Mueling's drug store located on the corner of Taylor and Chouteau. He then stated that the Harrison family had been customers of the Brennan brothers grocery store for the past thirty years and that he remembers that Willie Harrison was employed as delivery boy by that store for a short period prior to the War. He advised that it would be useless to interview anyone connected with the above store but suggested that Mr. J. P. Mueling might be able to furnish information concerning the past history of William J. Harrison. Mr. LaBarge likewise was unable to recall the individual named Red McHugh.

Mr. J. P. Muehling, Taylor and Chouteau stated that prior to the World War a group of the neighborhood boys considered his drug store their headquarters, that he had known Willie Harrison

who usually congregated with such group since childhood; that Elmer Harrison a brother of subject was his best friend. Mr. Muehling then stated that he would not harbor Willie Harrison but on the other hand would not assist in his apprehension due to his own friendship with Elmer Harrison. He advised however that he last saw Willie about six months ago at which time he came in his drug store and purchased a gingerale.

A search of the St. Louis City and Telephone Directories failed to reflect any substantial information concerning a Red McHugh.

Mr. Red T. P. McHugh, City Water Department, advised that he was not acquainted with the Harrison family; that the first and only time he had visited Chicago was in 1932; that he had at one time been manager of an amateur St. Louis soccer team and has also been more or less an amateur golf player for the past few years. He further stated that he had never heard of a second Red McHugh in St. Louis, Missouri.

In connection with information that Clarence Coff was a tavern owner while he resided at Calumet City, Illinois, reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, St. Louis, Missouri dated February 2, 1935 particularly to paragraph 1 page 6 which reflects that Coff tended bar for Harrison at State St. in Calumet City, Illinois for approximately four months during 1933.

It should be further noted that Clarence Coff now resides at 4373 W. Papin St., St. Louis, Missouri and reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri dated March 5, 1935 particularly to paragraph 2 page 5 wherein May Green states that Clarence Coff was not allowed to stay at the house when Willie's friends or strangers visited him.

At present it is deemed inadvisable to recontact Clarence Coff unless absolutely necessary, inasmuch as [REDACTED] has repeatedly expressed her doubt as to his cooperation with this Bureau even in the event he did possess information concerning Harrison. b7c b7d

Reference is made to the letter directed to the St. Louis Office by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, April 4, 1935 and to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran at Chicago, Illinois, April 12, 1935 and particularly to the information relative to Lee Turner, through whom an investigation was requested in an effort to locate Willie Harrison.

Lee Turner is presently residing in St. Louis, Missouri and is engaged in the sale of whiffle boards. His telephone number is Colfax 2411

and he resides in St. Louis with his mother. He is a very close friend of Dorothy Dodd, who was recently sentenced in the U. S. District Court at St. Louis, Missouri to a term in the U. S. Prison for counterfeiting.

At the request of this agent, Turner reported to the St. Louis Office where he was interviewed and he stated that he was released from the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on August 12, 1934 and has been residing in St. Louis, Missouri since that time. He was arrested in June 1933 and remained in custody from that date until he was released from the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth. He stated that he also served a six year sentence in Leavenworth prior to the one just referred to, being released on December 21, 1929.

Turner stated that he has known Willie Harrison for a number of years, but that he had no personal acquaintance with him until the Winter of 1930; that he met Harrison at that time in Miami, Florida where he was employed by Willie O'Hara as a ticket seller at O'Hara's dog track; that he was with Harrison during the 1930-31 season at Miami, Florida and also saw him there during the 1931-32 season and the 1932-33 season; that during one of these seasons, Harrison ran a saloon on Miami Beach which was located near the Rona Plaza Hotel. Turner stated that during the period from 1930 to 1933, while Harrison was not in Miami, he was operating a saloon in rum and liquor in Calumet City, Illinois; that he frequented his saloon there and saw Harrison from time to time during that period. He stated that he was never closely associated with Harrison and did not regard him other than as an errand boy for the people. Turner stated that he has not seen Harrison since he was released from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, and has no knowledge of his whereabouts; that he understood he had been arrested in Chicago sometime ago and thought he was now in Federal custody. He stated that he would be very reluctant to furnish any information that would lead to Harrison's arrest if he is now at large.

Turner stated that he was well acquainted with Fred "Killer" Barker, having known him in St. Louis, Missouri but stated that he has not seen him since 1923 or 1924. Asked whether he had visited Harrison at his home in Calumet City, Turner stated that he visited Harrison's home there and had met his wife or alleged wife, who was a blonde, about 24 years old. He denied knowing anything about James J. Fitzgerald, the Barkers, Karpis or Campbell. Turner was not pressed for details at this time, as agent R. L. Shivers who conducted the above mentioned interview with Turner, expected to re-contact him after this preliminary conversation, which was made primarily for the purpose of establishing a contact with him.

Reference is made to the letter directed to the St. Louis Bureau Office by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois dated April 10, 1935 wherein he requested that Deputy Sheriff H. D.



Newbold be recontacted concerning information previously furnished by him concerning the location of John Russell Moran alias Babs Moran. The court docket Division #1, St. Louis County, Clayton, Missouri reflects that the case involving Babs Moran has been continued by consent until the next term of court which convenes on May 6, 1935.

Deputy Sheriff H. D. Newbold, Clayton, Missouri allowed his files concerning the case of Babs Moran to be examined, and the following information obtained is being included in this report for the information of the Kansas City Bureau Office. It appears that a letter was recovered at 212 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, Illinois in a raid on that house at which time Tommy Wilders, a close associate of Babs Moran, escaped. The envelope was addressed to Mrs. Margaret Woods, 212 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, Illinois. It was postmarked Kansas City, Missouri March 1, 1935 and bore the following return address:

Velma Roney, 2535 Holmes St., Kansas City, Missouri.

The letter in the above mentioned envelope makes reference to Tommy. It is signed Velma and directly underneath that word appears the name Mrs. Joe Fairchilds after which appears in large letters "HA".

Deputy Sheriff H. D. Newbold advised in reference to the original information furnished by him concerning the present location of Moran, that he had obtained the same from Assistant States Attorney John Wolfe and that he had in the first instance supplied all the information that was in his possession.

Mr. John Wolfe, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Clayton, Missouri advised that he had a confidential informant the name of whom he was not in a position to divulge, but who had informed him that Frank K. Ziegelmier who was employed at Connors Saloon, Arnold Hotel, East St. Louis, Illinois, had been receiving mail from Tommy Wilders and was also a known contact for Babs Moran. Mr. Wolfe stated that his informant had related that Moran and Wilders were still visiting 1102 Madison St. (west) Chicago, Illinois, but that they were both using considerable precaution because the Illinois State Police had displayed their photographs at that vicinity. Mr. Wolfe further stated that this informant had advised him that both Moran and Wilders were connected with a policy racket of some description in Chicago, Illinois. The above information has been included in this report only for further reference in the future, inasmuch as it is known that Babs Moran will in all probability appear at Clayton, Missouri for his trial which has been set for the next term of Court which convenes on May 6, 1935.

In this connection it should be noted that the case entitled "Baba Moran" has been continued from term to term by consent, that in all likelihood Moran will not actually appear for trial but will appear in order to be present and have the case continued. It is suggested that in the event it is deemed advisable, Moran could in all probability be tailed from St. Louis on his return to Chicago.

Reference is made to the letter directed to the St. Louis Bureau Office by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley Chicago, Illinois dated April 15, 1935 wherein he requested that Nina Bales be re-interviewed concerning information she might possess in regard to Myrtle Eaton.

It should be noted that the St. Paul Bureau Office telegraphically transmitted the following information to the St. Louis Bureau Office on April 19, 1935:

"RELIABLE INFORMANT WHO IS ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECTS STATES WILLIAM WEAVER HAD BEEN RESIDING IN SAINT LOUIS FOR SOMETIME AND PRESENTLY THERE BUT HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO EXACT ADDRESS CONTACTS OR NAME USING CLOSE CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED HERE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION"

In view of this information the following investigation was conducted in the attempt to ascertain if William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton are now residing with Nina Bales at 3526a Pestalozzi St., St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. H. O. Nouss, Special Agent, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was contacted concerning long distance telephone calls made to and from Prospect 4707. He searched the above mentioned records and advised that a call had been made from Prospect 4707 at 1:35 A.M. on March 24, 1935 to J. J. Sharp who was registered at the Hotel Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the conversation lasted two and one-half minutes.

Mr. E. J. Mueller, U. S. Mail carrier, Tower Grove sub-station, advised that Miss Nina Bales, Reinshagen lived and operated an apparently respectable rooming house at 3526a Pestalozzi St.; that the following known individuals resided at that address:

Mrs. Grace Feldmen,  
Mr. C. C. Dodd  
Miss Freda Hezz  
Miss Zora Woods  
Mr. Frank Walz.

Photographs of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were exhibited to him and he was positive in his failure to identify either

as known visitors or roomers at Nina Bales. He was furnished the telephone number of the St. Louis Bureau Office and agreed to call immediately in the event his suspicion concerning individuals at this address should be aroused in the future. Inasmuch as the reporting agent is personally acquainted with Miss Zora Woods a manicurist at the Maryland Hotel, it was deemed advisable to interview her before contacting Miss Nina Bales.

Miss Zora Woods stated that at present the boarding house operated by Miss Nina Bales was rented to capacity. She advised that she had heard conversations by Miss Bales concerning an individual named Helen Ferguson but that she did not remember the name Myrtle Eaton. She stated that she did not recall any recent visitors who were strangers and upon examining a photograph of Myrtle Eaton stated that she was certain that this individual had not visited the address at any time while she was present. She furnished identical information as Mr. Mueller concerning the individuals who were then residing at the above address.

Miss Nina Bales, Reinshagen, 3526a Pestalozzi St. advised that she was born at Omaha, Nebraska in 1888, and that she had the following relatives:

Roben Bales - brother, 200 block North 20th St., Omaha, Nebraska;  
Clara Robbins - sister, address unknown, Omaha, Nebraska;  
Bert Bales - uncle, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

She stated that she had recently visited her relatives in Omaha for two days and returned to St. Louis, Missouri on March 20, 1935 by the way of Kansas City, Missouri. She further stated that she had a daughter, Mrs. Gladys Davies who lived at 6220 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, Missouri. Miss Nina Bales partially verified information concerning her which had been previously furnished by [REDACTED] as appeared in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois dated September 1, 1934 in the case entitled "Vernon C. Miller, with aliases et al, Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner". Inasmuch as Nina Bales has been interviewed concerning this information upon numerous occasions, it is now not included in this report; she was questioned at length concerning members of the Karpis Barker gang but was unable to furnish additional information. She stated that she had never heard of Myrtle Eaton or William Weaver and upon examining the photographs of each, advised that she does not recall having ever seen either of these individuals.

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Reference is made to the statement of [redacted] informant as appearing in report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri dated March 5, 1935 and particularly to paragraph 3 page 7. In this connection reference is also made to a letter directed to the St. Louis Bureau Office by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois dated April 11, 1935 wherein it is suggested that photographs of Red O'Malley alias Ben Kennedy and Arthur Johnson alias Red Price, be exhibited to [redacted] to ascertain whether either of these men is the person named Red mentioned by her as being a close friend of Harrison. The photograph of Arthur Johnson alias Red Price was exhibited to [redacted] and she advised that the picture thereon does not resemble the Red to whom she referred. The photograph of Red O'Malley alias Ben Kennedy was exhibited to her and she positively identified this photograph as being an exact likeness of the individual known and mentioned by her as Red.

[redacted] then stated that Harrison had always been afraid of Red O'Malley; that she recalls that Red resided with Harrison [redacted] for a few days during 1933; that she also recalls that at this time one of Red's shoulders was bandaged due to a gun shot wound. She then furnished the following information concerning [redacted]

She stated that Red O'Malley attended and during the evening he began to cause such a commotion that the Tuckers were requested to move the following day. She then stated that the party proceeded to the saloon then operated by Pete Esser at which place Red O'Malley drew a gun and shot the hinges off of one of the doors. She further stated that Red O'Malley was frank concerning his hatred for Pete Esser and that it was common conversation around Calumet City, Illinois that Red O'Malley was directly responsible for the spot murder of Pete Esser.

It should be noted that [redacted] has previously mentioned a brother of Red O'Malley named John who was now serving a penitentiary sentence. She verified the information appearing in paragraph 3 on page 37 of the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois dated March 12, 1935 which reflects that Harrison is also personally acquainted with John O'Malley.

It should be noted in reference to Hafry and Nettie Tucker that past investigation indicates that they both were associates of Harrison at Calumet City, Illinois in the sale of liquor. It would also appear that these two individuals are acquainted with the friends of Harrison. Reference is therefore made to the report of Special

Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois dated December 17, 1934 particularly to paragraph 3 on page 3 wherein it appears that there is a record of telephone calls made on April 14, 21 and 25, 1933 to Jacksonville 54584-W, Jacksonville, Florida and a record of a telephone call made by Mrs. Tucker at Jacksonville 54584-W who called Hammond 1663 on April 24, 1933. Reference is now made to paragraph 4 page 4 in the report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri dated March 5, 1935 wherein [redacted] is of the opinion that the Tuckers are now in Savannah, Georgia. She also explained in paragraph 4 on page 7 of the same report that the long distance telephone calls to Jacksonville, Florida were made in connection with a whiskey deal between William Harrison and his partner Mr. Tucker. She advised that as well as she remembers the [redacted]

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It would appear that Harry and Nettie Tucker are in a position to furnish information concerning Willie Harrison and his associates during 1933.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri dated April 25, 1935 wherein I. O. #1200 of Walter Holland, alias Walter O'Malley, alias Irish O'Malley subject in the case entitled "Walter Holland, with aliases I.O. #1200, Mrs. George Chase with aliases I.O. #1190, Lloyd Doyle with alias I.O. #1208 et al; August Luer - Victim, Kidnaping, Extortion Through Use of the Mails" has been positively identified as the person named Leo who has recently been residing at Kansas City, Missouri with members of the Karpis Barker gang.

It should be noted that information previously furnished by [redacted] concerning an individual who she called Lee now indicates that Lee is in all probability identical with Leo who was identified as above.

[redacted] stated that during the last of July of 1933, exact date unknown, an individual who she has previously referred to as Lee, came to Calumet City, Illinois and began to live with Harrison [redacted] she stated that she questioned Harrison concerning his acquaintanceship with Lee and he advised that Lee was previously unknown but had appeared with a letter of introduction from a woman in Kansas City, Missouri to whom Harrison was indebted for past favors.

She further stated that Lee was "really hot"; [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

She advised that either this Lee or Lee Turner was with the men who were accompanying C. J. Fitzgerald. [REDACTED] further stated that she was of the opinion that Lee's first name was Walter and that she recalled that he specifically requested them to call him Lee.

A photograph of Walter Holland with aliases Walter O'Malley and Irish O'Malley, as appearing on I.O.#1200, was exhibited to [REDACTED] and she positively identified this individual as the person who she refers to above as Lee. She stated that it was possible that this individual was known as Leo but that she had always called him Lee. She was unable to identify Mrs. George Chase I.O.#1190 or Lloyd Doyle with aliases I.O.#1208.

The names and addresses of known hoodlums and the alleged hangouts for gangsters as appearing in the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois dated March 12, 1935 in connection with the history and contacts of William J. Harrison, were discussed with [REDACTED] and she furnished the following additional information:

She stated that an individual known by her only slightly named Monty and Gus Winkler, at one time rented an apartment in the Biltmore Apartments 6247 University Ave., Chicago, Illinois which they used solely for a meeting place (see paragraph 6 page 9 report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois dated March 12, 1935).

[REDACTED] then stated that Harrison was a very close friend of Tony Campagni. She recalls that upon Harrison's release from Calumet City, Illinois Police Department on April 14, 1932, after being arrested for carrying a concealed weapon, that Harrison returned home with a wanted notice of Campagni which he had stolen from the Police station and said "this is one picture of my friend the police won't stick up any more" (see paragraph 2 page 12 report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois dated March 12, 1935).

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[redacted] She is of the opinion that these were received from C. J. Fitzgerald (see report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois dated March 12, 1935 paragraph 4 page 17).

[redacted] advised that the Green Lantern Cafe, 79th and Dobson St., was a regular hangout for Harrison and the gang; that Jimmie Burke previously mentioned by her has a part interest in this cafe (see paragraph 3 page 4 report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri dated March 5, 1935) wherein it would appear that [redacted] was originally mistaken concerning her statement that Ted Agnus and Bert Agnus were part owners of this cafe. Reference is made to paragraph 5 page 22 report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois dated March 12, 1935.

[redacted] advised that Fred Hacker Calumet City, Illinois is not a friend of Willie Harrison; that they are both unfriendly towards each other (see paragraph 4 page 23 report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan Chicago, Illinois dated March 12, 1935).

[redacted] stated that prior to February 7, 1933 Harry and Nettie Tucker resided at 5 Waltham St., Hammond, Indiana (see paragraph 2 page 25 report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois dated March 12, 1935).

[redacted] stated that Harrison was arrested by Calumet City Police on April 14, 1933 for carrying concealed weapon; that his arrest was caused after he had beat up John Nicholas, Town Club, State and Stateline Sts., Calumet City, Illinois with a gun. She is of the opinion that these two men are bitter enemies. [redacted] is apparently of the opinion that this fight resulted in the spot murder of Pete Esser or vice versa (see paragraph 3 page 36 report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois dated March 12, 1935).

[redacted] further stated that Red O'Malley visited and lived occasionally with Charles West, Leavenworth Penitentiary, and that West is personally acquainted with Harrison and considered by him a very close friend (see paragraph 5 page 45 report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois dated March 12, 1935).

[redacted] then stated that she recalls a roadhouse operated by Buddy Snyder who she described as being about 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 in hgt. bald headed and an American citizen and his wife Dorothy Snyder who she described as being a brunette, approximately 27 years of age, 5 feet 7 in height, weight 140 pounds. She stated that she considered the roadhouse operated by the Snyders an excellent hideout for Willie Harrison and his associates because of its location and due to Harrison's former association with the Snyders; that at one time they were greatly indebted to Harrison for whiskey which he had delivered to them.

She stated that said roadhouse is about ten miles from Hammond, Indiana and between Hammond, Indiana and Chicago, Illinois; that it is situated about one or two miles from the main highway between these two cities; that she does not recall whether it is located on the east or west side of the main highway but she remembers that a paved road which intersects the main highway, passes within a block of the above mentioned roadhouse. She described the house as being a two story, old red brick building, with a large parking space surrounding it, with trees and numerous flowers around it. She recalls that at that time the front entrance was closed and that you entered from the rear directly into a bar and that on the right side of the front part of the house downstairs there were tables and chairs arranged in cafe fashion; that on the left side was the Snyder's personal dining room and kitchen. She further stated that upstairs there were three bedrooms, a living room and a bath; that these rooms were nicely furnished, that Snyder and his wife were the only permanent occupants but that she recalls that Frank Osborne at one time lived with the Snyders. At the present time he was supposed to be wanted rather badly by the Indiana State authorities.

Reference is now made [REDACTED] b7c b7d

[REDACTED] as an individual who will cooperate with agents of this Bureau. [REDACTED] was living at [REDACTED]

At that time [REDACTED] was also employed by the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It should be noted that approximately 3 weeks ago due to an alleged consolidation of positions in the personnel of the above mentioned [REDACTED] was temporarily furloughed and at that time [REDACTED] advised that in all probability he would be forced to return to his home in [REDACTED] In this connection it should be noted that [REDACTED] on one occasion was introduced to W. J. Harrison and consequently it was deemed advisable to make arrangements for him to continue living [REDACTED] in order that the St. Louis Bureau Office would have a reliable informant [REDACTED] It should be noted that [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli who instructed him as to the part which he was to play during the next month.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent T. W. Dawsey, Nashville, Tennessee dated April 19, 1935 wherein the St. Louis Bureau Office was instructed to interview Clarence J. Coff concerning



information he may possess in respect to the present whereabouts of William J. Harrison. The St. Louis Bureau Office considers it inadvisable at this time to interview Clarence Coff inasmuch as he has heretofore been interviewed on numerous occasions and in view of information appearing in this report. The Chicago and Jacksonville Bureau Offices are requested to carefully examine this report for leads to be covered in their respective districts.

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Mr. Nathan ✓  
 Mr. Tolson .....  
 Mr. Backus .....  
 Mr. Baughman .....  
 Chief Clerk .....  
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 Mr. Tracy .....  
 Miss Gandy .....

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DIRECTOR

BREKID US ATTORNEY EXPECTS TO MOVE FOR THE RELEASE OF BRUNO AUSTIN  
 THIS MORNING. HE APPARENTLY IS NOT WANTED ELSEWHERE AND WILL BE UN  
 CONDITIONALLY RELEASED. CERTIFIED COPY OF <sup>WARRANT</sup> COMPLAINT AND INDICTMENT  
 AGAINST HARRY SAWYER WITH ALIASES HAS BEEN FORWARDED NEW ORLEANS BY  
 AIRMAIL. BAIL BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 SET BY COURT.  
~~THIRD LINE SHOULD READ CERTIFIED COPY OF WARRANT AND INDICTMENT~~  
~~AND BAIL BOND SHOULD BE \$100,000.00~~

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Ocala, Fla.; May 3rd 1935.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Criminal Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.;

Dear Sir:

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I hereby make application for the reward for information leading up to the capture of Mrs Kate Barker and her son Fred Barker that were killed by the Federal agents at Ocklawaha, Florida.

I was with your Mr. Jones on his investigation of this case posing as fishermen before the killing of the Barkers on the 15th day of January, 1935 on the Lake Weir near Ocklawaha, Fla.

On the above date while buying bait for our fishing trip I learned that Fred Blackburn and his mother were living there which was an alias name being used by the Barkers, also the location of their residence and this information I turned over to your Mr. Jones immediately and we fished in front of this residence ~~marking~~ marking locations and gathering what other information that we could in turn Mr. Jones reported this information to Mr. Connelly Of course I was glad to be of any assistance to the Department of Justice Agents and I want you to feel free to call on me at any time that I may be of any assistance to you or any of your men., however as there was a large reward for these parties I feel that I should be considered.

Thanking you for any consideration given this application, I am,

Yours Very Truly;

M. C. Dunning  
M. C. Dunning,  
402 North Orange, Street,  
Ocala, Florida.

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May 10, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
426 U. S. Custom House and Post Office,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are two copies of a letter dated May 3, 1935, received from Mr. M. C. Dunning, 402 North Orange Street, Ocala, Florida, who makes application for the reward for information leading to the capture of Kate Barker and Fred Barker.

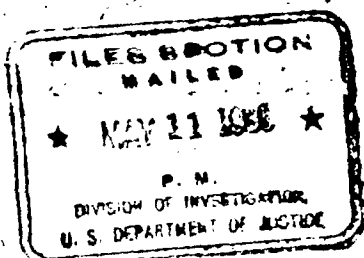
It is desired that you immediately advise the Bureau of any offer made by you to Mr. Dunning, as well as any further information you have concerning this matter. It is desired that this information be immediately forwarded to the Bureau inasmuch as Mr. Dunning's letter is not being acknowledged until this information is received from you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #224406

SPECIAL DELIVERY



Handwritten signature and initials, including "Ed" and "EJH".

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.**

**May 3, 1935.**

**Time- 9:00 P. M.**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

**RE: Harry Sawyer**

I called Mr. Connelley and advised him that the Director wants Sawyer taken to New Orleans tonight, held there, and arraigned tomorrow morning, getting a high bond; that the Director thought Sawyer should be questioned about the whole set-up and that Mr. Connelley was the man to do it. Mr. Connelley stated that if he was to go down there, he might get something on Moran. I advised Mr. Connelley that Sawyer was valuable because of information he had as to the tie-ups and connections of the mob everywhere.

Mr. Connelley stated that we were going to have a little trouble tying him in with the case; I stated that it was true because although ~~made~~ *Bolton* statements, they were not evidence. Mr. Connelley stated that the case having broken this way, he felt sure that Moran was down there too.

I advised Mr. Connelley that Sawyer was living very quietly down there, operating a negro bar room and lottery joint; that he had no contacts and no one knew anything about him; that he did not even have a first name, he was just known as Mr. Wright.

I instructed Mr. Connelley to get the earliest and fastest transportation to New Orleans obtainable. He will advise the Bureau when he leaves. Mr. Connelley advised that he might get a train out of there tonight; that the earliest plane was tomorrow morning; that there was no facilities for chartering a plane.

I advised Mr. Connelley that Mr. Magee will obtain a waiver of removal from Sawyer and take him into New Orleans tonight; that if he is arraigned and a high bond obtained, we will get the same benefit by questioning him in the jail; that there was to be absolutely no beating. Mr. Connelley stated that Sawyer is the type that will talk when he is in a tight place. I stated that I did not know how much psychology we could work with this fellow, due to the fact that this case is now being tried, but it would be a good thing if we could get him up there and get him to plead guilty; to plead to the conspiracy but we should be careful about what inducement we offer him. Mr. Connelley stated that we should not offer him very much because it was all worked out if we can make out a case against him; that outside of "Doc" and Fred Barker, he was the real principal in the case.

Mr. Connelley will keep the Bureau advised of developments.

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Respectfully

E. A. Tamm

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May 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 9, 1935, addressed to the Detroit office, in which it was requested that early attention be given to the desired interview with Mr. Joseph E. McNeff, 902 North Jameson Avenue, Lima, Ohio, relative to information which he states that he possesses concerning an individual resembling Alvin Karpis.

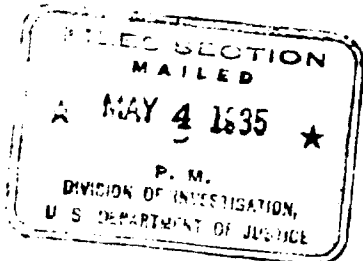
It is desired that the requested interview be given prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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May 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218;  
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. 1232;  
Harry Campbell, with aliases, I. O. 1236;  
Volney Davis, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1237;  
William Weaver, with aliases, I. O. 1238;  
William J. Harrison, with aliases, I. O. 1239;  
Harry Sawyer, with aliases, I. O. 1240;  
Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, I. O. 1241;  
Edward George Bremer - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of a letter received at this office from Cornwall and Cornwall, Spencer, Iowa, concerning the return of the glass from the Ford automobile known as the "Baby Face Nelson Car".

This is referred to you in order that the matter may be taken up with the United States Attorney and the firm of Cornwall and Cornwall appropriately advised.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Omaha

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Spencer, Iowa  
May 1, 1935.

E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Post Office Box #812,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Fred J. Glaser purchased the Ford automobile which is known as "The Baby Face Nelson Car" about January 2, 1935. Mr. Glaser purchased this car for display purposes and used it for that purpose until the 29th day of January, 1935, when your agent, Mr. J. L. Flood of Omaha, took the windshield from the car and a short time later took the left rear door glass and the back window glass. At the time he took the windshield he directed Mr. Glaser to put the car in storage as the entire automobile might be needed in the trial of John Paul Chase; the car has ever since been in storage.

During the time Mr. Glaser had the car on display it was netting him about \$8.00 per day and since the trial the Ford Motor Co. of this place have offered Mr. Glaser \$50.00 for three days display of the car.

The glass taken from the car was considerably shot up and for purposes of display the car is of little value without the glass in it.

Mr. Glaser says that Mr. MacMahon, an attorney from Washington who represented the Government in the Chase trial, told him that the Government would compensate him for the time until the glass was returned to him. Mr. Glaser seems to feel that the reasonable value of this glass to him, in order that this car might be displayed, is \$10.00 per day.

In a letter from Werner Hanni, Special Agent in Charge at Omaha, dated April 23, 1935, Mr. Hanni states that the defendant Chase may file an appeal and it is desired that the glass be held for a period of ninety days.

Of course Mr. Glaser would prefer to have the glass returned to him rather than have the Government compensate him for keeping it for that length of time as he feels it is worth more to him than \$10.00 per day. He says that he will keep the glass intact and if it is required on re-trial of the case, he will be willing to return it at that time.

He has had to refuse a number of offers from various automobile dealers to display the car, because he did not have the glass.

We will be pleased to hear from you.

Very truly yours,  
CORNWALL & CORNWALL  
R. W. Cornwall

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May 4, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

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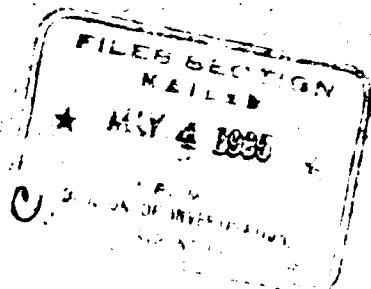
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated  
April 9, 1935, in which you were directed to give early  
attention to the requested interview of Mrs. Essie  
Chipman, 309 1/2 East Fourteenth Street, Flint, Michigan,  
concerning an individual resembling the photograph  
of Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

It is desired that the requested interview  
be given very prompt attention.

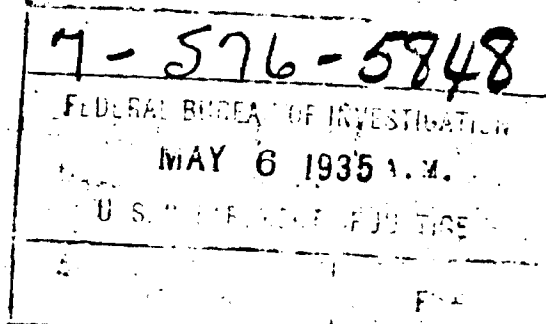
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Cincinnati  
St. Paul

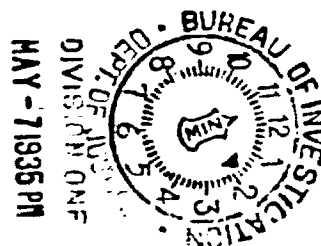


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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.



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My dear Mr. Hoover,

One August second of last year, I wrote you a rather lengthy letter concerning the resemblance of one Harold Abbott to the wanted Alvin Karpis, which you termed "interesting". Perhaps I am unreasonably persistent, but you haven't caught Karpis yet, as far as the public knows, and Harold Abbott is back in Cedar Rapids, living on Forest Drive. You did not say I was all wrong - I still wonder if I am right - I can do no less than send this information to you.

Sincerely -

Mrs. Hattie Smith

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May 15, 1935

Mrs. George W. Smith,  
634 First Avenue, East,  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 4, 1935 in which you state you believe that Ward Abbott, regarding whom you wrote to this Bureau on August 2, 1934, is identical with Alvin Karpis.

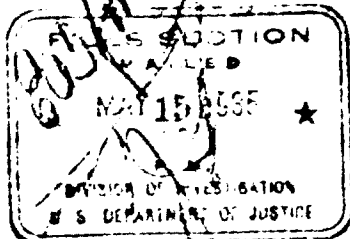
Please be advised that I have referred copies of your letter to Mr. W. Hanni, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 629 First National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

I wish to thank you for your interest in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Omaha (with copies incoming letter)



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1935.

Time-8:00 P. M.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Harry Sawyer.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Backus	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Special Agent in Charge Lacey telephoned and advised that they had taken into custody, Harry Sawyer and his wife; that Sawyer was taken into custody along the waterfront at Pass Christian, Mississippi, in a Nebraska car that his wife owned; that his wife was taken into custody at Monroe Court, Cottage number 2, between Gulfport and Pass Christian, Mississippi. I inquired of Mr. Lacey if anyone knew that we had taken them, whereupon he stated that the two officers who tipped us off knew; that one of the officers, a former run-runner, who recognized Sawyer first, and the other one, a Mississippi State Highway Officer, tipped us off; that the two men who ran the place for Sawyer know that we have him, but they do not know of his identity.

Mr. Lacey stated that they searched the house but did not find anything. I advised Mr. Lacey to take them to New Orleans. Mr. Lacey stated that Mrs. Sawyer was advised by Mr. Corley that they would not prosecute her. Mr. Lacey inquired as to whether he should file on them at once or hold them in the office, whereupon I stated that I thought we were entitled to hold them until the morning in the office.

Mr. Lacey stated that Sawyer operated a negro bar room and lottery joint on the beach at Pass Christian.

Mr. Lacey stated that he was at the Larkham Hotel, Gulfport, Mississippi, telephone number 9157. I advised Mr. Lacey to stand by for further instructions.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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May 3, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the latent fingerprint examination being conducted in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

You are advised that the fingerprints of Milton Snyder, alias Harold McBride, our file #21103, have been compared with the latent finger impressions previously developed in this case, but no identification has been effected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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CC - Cincinnati - Mr. E. J. Connelley  
CC - Salt Lake City

MAY 4 1935

*[Handwritten signature]*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1935

Time - 12:10 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Backus .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
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Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

I telephoned Mr. Magee at the New Orleans Office with reference to his telephonic conversation with me earlier in the day concerning the lead which the New Orleans Office has on Harry Sawyer, and told him that the Director desires that he proceed to the point where Sawyer is supposed to be with his Agents and arrest him at once; that the woman associate should also be arrested; that as soon as arrested, a waiver should be obtained from Sawyer so that we might remove him if necessary. Mr. Magee said that they would proceed to Pass Christian, where Sawyer is supposed to be, at once, and further stated that he would wire me from a little town just about 10 miles from Pass Christian after the raid is conducted.

I cautioned Mr. Magee to take every precaution in connection with this raid, and also cautioned him to keep the matter as quiet as possible.

I told Mr. Magee, for his own information, of the lead which is being investigated by the Little Rock Office on Alvin Karpis relative to his having been seen in a house boat on the Mississippi River near Marked Tree, Arkansas. I also mentioned the recent lead which the New Orleans Office had on Dr. Moran, and Mr. Magee said that the investigation relative to him will be continued after this raid.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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May 4, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information, I am attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum concerning Harry Sawyer, alias Harry Bandlovich, one of the principals in the Bremer kidnaping case, who was apprehended by Special Agents of this Bureau, with the cooperation of local authorities, near Pass Christian, Mississippi, last night.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*W. J. [Signature]*  
Inclosure #667413

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Backus.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
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May 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM

HARRY SAWYER, whose correct name is HARRY SANDLOVICH, was born in Russia and later immigrated to this country and settled in Lincoln, Nebraska, later moving to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he took over the business of Dan Hogan, notorious underworld character. Sawyer conducted a saloon at 454 Babasha Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, where members of the Barker-Karpis gang frequently met. Evidence has been gathered by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, indicating that Sawyer assisted in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934 and after the release of Bremer on February 7, 1934, immediately fled from St. Paul and from time to time has been associating with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

On January 22, 1935, in an indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, Harry Sawyer was named as one of the kidnapers of Bremer. Sawyer was first arrested on December 12, 1914 on charges of breaking and entering the offices of the Standard Oil Company at Lincoln, Nebraska. On April 25, 1915, he entered a plea of guilty and the Court ordered him released on parole for a period of three years and subsequently dismissed from parole on September 25, 1917. On September 11, 1918, he was arrested at St. Paul, Minnesota, as Harry Sandovich, alias Harry J. Porche, #16479, on charges of attempted grand larceny and was subsequently fined \$100.00. He was next arrested as Harry J. Porche, #6465, by the Police Department, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 2, 1920, on charges of investigation - robbery and was turned over to the Police Department, Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 16, 1920, as Harry Sandlovich, #241, on charges of jumping bond - auto theft. He was subsequently released under \$1,000 bond, which was later forfeited.

Harry Sawyer was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Pass Christian, Mississippi, on May 3, 1935. His wife was also taken into custody for questioning. A deputy sheriff and a Mississippi State Highway officer cooperated with the Agents in the apprehension.

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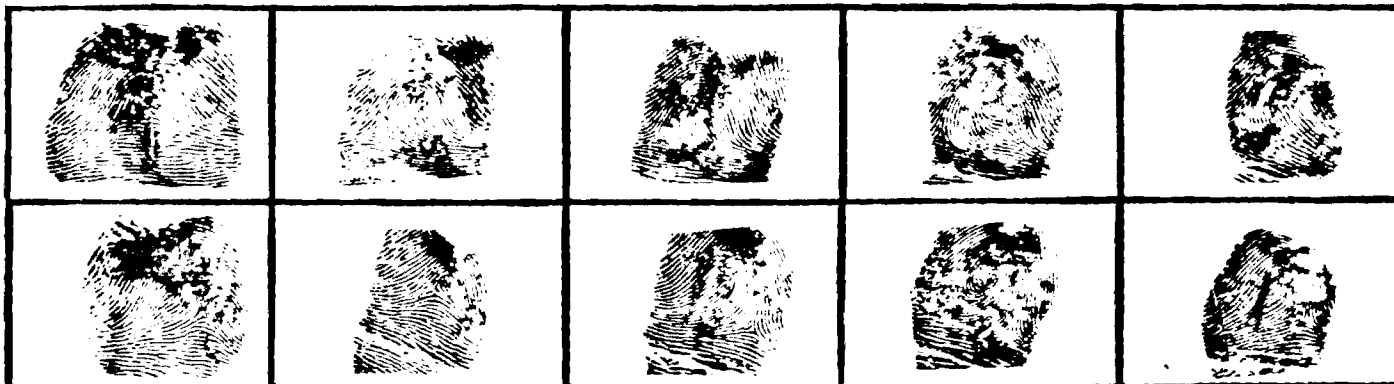
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**WANTED**

HARRY SAWYER, with aliases: HARRY "DUTCH" SAWYER, HARRY SANDOVICH, HARRY J. PORCHE, HARRY SANDEVICH, HARRY SANDLOVICH, HARRY SANDLOVITCH, FRANK JAMES, JEW HARRY, HARRY STANDLEY.

**KIDNAPING**



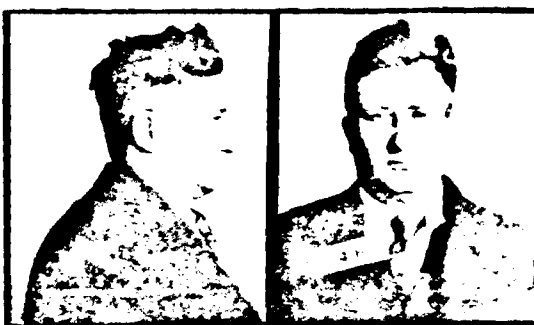
Photograph taken January 2, 1928.

**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 44 years (born Russia, 1890); Height, 5 feet, 10 inches; Weight, 190 pounds; Build, heavy; Hair, dark brown; Eyes, light brown; Complexion, dark; Scars, left forefinger smashed.

**RELATIVES:**

Mrs. Harry (Gladys) Sawyer, wife, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Albert Sandlovich, brother, 2828 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebraska.  
E. Ray Sandlovich, brother, 2111 Sewell Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.  
John L. and Samuel Sandlovich, brothers, 1319 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.  
Elizabeth Sandlovich, sister, 1319 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.



*H. Sandlovich*

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As Harry Sandovich alias Harry J. Porche, #16479, arrested Police Department Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 11, 1918; charge, attempted grand larceny; fined, \$100.00.

As Harry J. Porche, #6463, arrested Police Department, Omaha, Nebraska, January 2, 1920; charge, investigation - robbery; turned over to Lincoln, Nebraska.

As Harry Sandlovich, #241, arrested Police Department, Lincoln, Nebraska, May 16, 1920; charge, jumping bond - auto theft; forfeited \$1,000.00 bond.

Notation unsupported by fingerprints:

As Harry Sandlovich pleaded guilty District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 25, 1915; charge, burglary with explosives; paroled from bench, 3 years; dismissed from parole, September 25, 1927.

Harry Sawyer is wanted for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 22, 1935 charging Harry Sawyer and others with the kidnaping.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

7-576-5853

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May 4, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of a memorandum which I have just addressed to the Attorney General, with inclosure, advising of the apprehension last night of Harry Sawyer, alias Harry Sandlovich, one of the principals in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Incl. #667414

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Backus.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
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Mr. Rosen.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
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May 4, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated  
April 12, 1935, in which you were directed to discuss with  
the United States Attorneys at Kansas City, Missouri, and  
Kansas City, Kansas, the question of preferring harboring  
charges against Edna Murray and Jess Doyle.

The Bureau desires to be informed of the results  
of the conferences with the United States Attorneys con-  
cerning this matter.

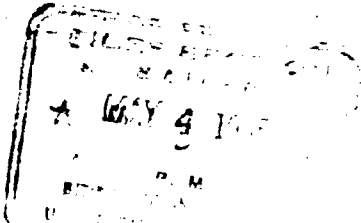
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 4, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harry Sawyer

Mr. Nathan .....  
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Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Smith .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

The following information concerning the apprehension of Harry Sawyer at Pass Christian, Mississippi, was furnished by Special Agent in Charge Magee last evening. - Harry Sawyer has been living under the name of Wright and but very little was known about him by the persons in the vicinity of Pass Christian. He was operating a negro barroom at Pass Christian, this barroom being located in a small shack in the negro section of the town. Wines and beers were sold in this establishment. Sawyer was also conducting a negro lottery in which a drawing was held at 3 P.M. each afternoon.

Sawyer was residing with his wife, Gladys Sawyer, at Cottage #2, at Monroe Court, between Gulfport and Pass Christian, Mississippi.

Sawyer admitted his identity but declined to make any comment concerning himself or his activities.

Pursuant to your instructions, Mr. Magee was taking Harry Sawyer to New Orleans last night, where he would be questioned at the New Orleans Bureau Office. Mr. Magee will await instructions from Washington before arraigning Sawyer.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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May 4, 1935.

Time 11:18 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Harry Sawyer.

Colonel Gates telephoned and inquired if Harry Sawyer were the "master mind" in the Bremer kidnaping, stating that a report from St. Paul contained this statement. I advised Colonel Gates that Sawyer was not the "master mind" but that he was one of the principals and leaders in the case. Colonel Gates asked that he be furnished with additional copies of the release on this individual, and I advised him that I would have some sent around to him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 4, 1935

Time - 10:10 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Mr. Andersen at the St. Paul Office to inform him of the apprehension of Harry Sawyer at Pass Christian, Mississippi, last night, and of the fact that Sawyer has been removed to the New Orleans Office. I told him that while Sawyer has signed a waiver of removal to St. Paul, we want to protect ourselves in every respect, and for this reason, it was desired that he make the necessary arrangements to have the certified papers forwarded to New Orleans as soon as possible. Mr. Andersen said that he would do this at once, and forward the papers via air mail to New Orleans.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 4, 1935.

Time 9:50 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Bremer case.

Special Agent in Charge MacFarland telephoned from Cleveland and advised that they were keeping a woman named Alice Conrad under surveillance in the Cleveland Hotel as a possible contact of Harry Sawyer's wife and that he, Mr. MacFarland had noticed in the papers that Sawyer had been apprehended and he was wondering if there was any need to keep up the surveillance of the above woman. I inquired if the surveillance was merely in connection with Sawyer or if there was any possibility of any of the other members of the gang using this woman as a contact. Mr. MacFarland advised that it was his understanding that the contact was only in connection with Sawyer.

In accordance with your instructions, I telephoned Mr. MacFarland back and advised him that if there was no indication that other members of the gang would attempt to contact this woman he could discontinue the surveillance on her. Mr. MacFarland advised that he would do this.

Respectfully,

*C. E. Heintz*  
C. E. Heintz

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GENERAL BUREAU  
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P. O. Box #709  
Portland, Oregon

May 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
1216-FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL,  
with aliases, I.O. 1235; VOLNEY  
DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237-  
FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I. O. 1232; WILLIAM  
WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases I.O.  
1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with  
aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE KATCH,  
with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping, et al.

Dear Sir:

In connection with a list of names of subjects and  
aliases placed with the Secretary of State at Salem, Oregon  
with the request that this office be notified of the registration  
of automobiles under these names, we are now advised that on  
April 19th, 1935 one George A. Nelson registered at Roseburg,  
Oregon a Pontiac Sedan, 1935 model, Motor number 8-15245,  
California license 1S5683. At the time this registration was  
made applicant gave his address as 190 South Temple Avenue,  
Temple City, California.

In view of the fact that subject Harry Campbell has  
at one time used the alias George Nelson it is requested that  
discreet investigation be made at 190 South Temple Avenue,  
Temple City, California for the purpose of determining the  
identity of George A. Nelson.

Very truly yours,

TWC:Br  
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Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley  
Chicago  
St. Paul

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida.  
May 5, 1935.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm at 2:00 o'clock P.M. today when I advised him of a long distance telephone call I had had with Agent S. K. McKee in Havana, Cuba, at 9:30 P.M. on May 4th, when Agent McKee informed that a delicate situation had arisen in Havana with reference to the search to be made at the Western Union, Commercial Cables and Radio offices for further messages exchanged between subjects Heller and Adams.

Agent McKee advised that it appears that the Department has requested the State Department to make the search or to at least approach the three companies concerning the search, for Vice-Consul Edgar contacted the above three companies and inquired if Agents [redacted] had been to them; also inquired as to what [redacted] and/or Agents had done.

Agent McKee also advised that payments to each of the aforementioned companies in amounts of from \$20 to \$30.00 would have to be made for the search. Mr. Tamm instructed that it was our duty to make the search and we should proceed with same, and if any difficulties were encountered to immediately report same to him. Mr. Tamm also authorized the expenditures before mentioned.

During my conversation with Mr. Tamm, I advised him that Mr. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who is handling the prosecution of this matter in Miami, Florida, had requested that copies of all reports relating to the Florida angle of this case should be submitted direct to him rather than go through the hands of the United States Attorney in Jacksonville first. Mr. Tamm stated that an appropriate number of copies of all reports should be submitted to the Bureau and one copy would be referred to Mr. Barlow for his attention.

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Director,

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I also advised Mr. Tamm that during the past week Mr. Barlow was in Miami for the purpose of opposing motions that had been filed by attorneys for subjects Adams and McDonald praying that the Court issue an order delivering to them copies of any statements that Adams made to Bureau Agents before his arrest two months ago. Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter issued an order instructing that Joe Adams, Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel, be given copies of such statements. He also ordered the Government to open for defense attorneys' inspection the registers, books and records of the El Comodoro Hotel which were alleged to have been taken by Bureau Agents. Judge Ritter denied motions that minutes of the Grand Jury which returned the indictments against Adams, and others, be revealed, as well as the names of the Agents who investigated the case be made known.

Mr. Tamm suggested that there be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau immediately copies of all motions and prayers filed, as well as copies of all orders issued by the Court concerning this matter.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida. This Agent is instructed to obtain the aforementioned papers immediately for transmittal to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati  
Mr. Fitzsimons.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Denver, Colo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/4/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5/2/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>N. J. L. PIEPER</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases--FUGITIVE I.O. 1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER--Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">File reviewed as to automobiles located and not located. Stop cards placed and withdrawn where necessary.</span>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. M. McDade, Chicago, 4/29/35.			
DETAILS:  The Denver file in instant case was reviewed in connection with the list of automobiles located and those not located as set out in reference report.  It being ascertained that stop cards had been placed on all cars except Packard Club Sedan, Motor No. 189533, Serial No. 476-273A, a stop card on this car was placed in the Motor Vehicle Bureaus in the States of Colorado and Wyoming.  The review of the file further disclosed that on cars that had been located all stop cards had been withdrawn except on Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor No. 18-1037430. Appropriate notice was given the Motor Vehicle Bureaus in the States of Colorado and Wyoming to remove stop card on this car.  <div style="text-align: center;">PENDING</div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay C. Newman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-5812</b> MAY 7 - A.M. MAY 9 1935 MAY 7 1935 MAY 9 1935	
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

May 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box #2344,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. 1218 - Fugitive, Et Al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto will be found copy of a letter from the  
Jacksonville Office, dated April 19, 1935, with reference  
to the above captioned matter, which is self-explanatory.

It has been ascertained that Gregory I. Codomo, formerly of  
Newark, N.J., is at the present time employed at Dover, New  
Hampshire, receiving mail at the General Delivery and is  
probably working on some municipal construction job.

It is, therefore, requested that he be interviewed with  
reference to the matter contained in the enclosed Jacksonville  
letter.

Very truly yours,

R. C. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
May 5, 1935.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
#1218-FUGITIVE; HARRY SAWYER, alias  
CHARLES WRIGHT, with aliases, I. O.  
#1240; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-  
VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

I am transmitting herewith two original copies of finger-  
print cards of subject Harry Sawyer, alias Charles Wright, with aliases,  
I. O. #1240, taken by Special Agent C. H. Olson at the New Orleans Bureau  
Office on May 4, 1935. This subject was apprehended by New Orleans, La.  
Bureau Office agents at Pass Christian, Mississippi, May 3, 1935, under  
the alias of Charles Wright. He is now confined in the Federal Jail at  
New Orleans, Louisiana, awaiting removal to St. Paul, Minnesota, and has  
waived hearing. Photographs will be secured from the Federal Jail and  
forwarded at a later date.

Also transmitted herewith is original fingerprint cards  
of Mrs. Harry Sawyer, alias Ann Wright, wife of subject Sawyer, taken by  
Special Agent C. H. Olson at the New Orleans Bureau Office, May 4, 1935.  
She was not detained and is returning to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours, *POSTED 5/8/35*

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D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge. *File*

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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
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#1240; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-  
VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

There is transmitted herewith articles appearing in New Orleans, Louisiana newspapers on May 4 and 5, 1935, with regard to the apprehension, by Bureau Agents at Pass Christian, Mississippi on May 3, 1935, of subject Harry Sawyer, alias Charles Wright, with aliases, Identification Order number 1240, subject of the above entitled case.

NEW ORLEANS "ITEM", Saturday Evening, May 4, 1935.  
NEW ORLEANS "STATES", Saturday Evening, May 4, 1935.  
NEW ORLEANS "TIMES-PICAYUNE", Sunday morning, May 5, 1935.

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Very truly yours, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

# NEW ORLEANS

and ITEM-TRIBUNE

Saturday Evening, May 4, 1935

## ITEM

# Quiz Bremer 'Finger Man' Here

9-576-5865



# Nab Suspect On Gulf Coast; Release Wife

New Orleans 'G' Men  
Give Tip; Nailed In  
Pass Christian  
Gambling House;  
Fails To Put Up  
Fight.

One of the last of the men indicted for the Bremer kidnaping was arrested last night in a gambling house on the seawall near Pass Christian, Miss.

He is Harry Sawyer, 44, alias Sea-lion, born Harry Sandlovich in Russia. He says he changed his name legally to Sawyer.

Department of Justice agents in St. Paul say he was the "finger man" in the kidnaping, but New Orleans operatives intimated that he played only a minor part in the notorious crime.

## Perfects Score

The arrest of Sawyer, with recent developments in the June Robles desert kidnaping, practically perfects the government's 100 percent score against criminals who took, after prohibition ended, to the "snatch racket." Alvin Karpis, leader of the Bremer case with the Barker brothers, still is at large, however, though tracked by agents constantly on his trail.

Sawyer is a burly, dark man weighing about 235 pounds. Before his arrest last night federal agents picked up his wife in their home at Long Beach, Miss., but she was released today. Sawyer was charged this morning before United States Commissioner Reginald H. Carter, Jr., and, it is expected, will be sent immediately to St. Paul on a fugitive warrant. Several of his confederates are now on trial in the Minnesota capital for the Bremer kidnaping, and Sawyer was indicted for his part in the crime January 24, 1934.

## Admits Identity

The bench warrant for his arrest fixed his bond at \$100,000.

Sawyer was arrested quietly last night by four Department of Justice agents headed by David W. Magee.

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# Bremer Suspect 'Finger Man' Caught

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agent in charge of the New Orleans district. He admitted his identity, which was established by a check of his fingerprints with records from the Bureau of Investigation files in Washington.

Since December of last year, he said, he has been "circulating" in and around the Gulf Coast.

The tip that led to his arrest came to the New Orleans "G" men from Deputy Sheriff Bill Simpson of Pass Christian, and A. C. De-Metz, motorcycle policeman who rides the seawall beat for speeders.

## Built Gambling House

They reported Sawyer as a "suspicious character" who had built a gambling house for Negroes in the Negro section near Pass Christian, turning it over for operation to two Pass Christian men.

Agents found him living with his wife in Long Beach. His high-powered automobile carried a Nebraska license and, it was reported, he had shown large sums of money to the men he selected to run his business.

Early last night the government men went to the Long Beach home, found and arrested his wife, and learned he had gone to the seawall gambling house.

## "Come Outside"

Trailing him there, one of the agents walked calmly into the place and, going straight to Sawyer, tapped him.

"Come outside, we want to talk to you," the agent said.

Sawyer, unarmed, walked out and was taken into custody by the three agents outside. He was driven to New Orleans.

While minimizing his share of the Bremer crime, Department of Justice men here refused to reveal Sawyer's part. He has been arrested, they said, a number of times since 1914, on charges ranging from grand larceny to auto theft. He said he had never served a prison sentence.

#### Escaped to Mexico

The government men declare Sawyer escaped to Mexico after the kidnaping, slipped back into this country and came to Cleveland. There, on September 24, he escaped a raid that resulted in the arrest of his wife and several other women who had been intimate with members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

From St. Paul, with the word of Sawyer's arrest today, came the information that Sawyer is regarded there as the "master mind" behind a wave of crimes that branded the Minnesota capital the "poison spot" of American criminology.

He has been accused, say the dispatches, of being the "finger man" beyond the kidnaping. It was he, federal agents said there, who plotted the abduction, singled out of "fingered" Bremer to the actual snatchers, and set the ransom figure at \$200,000, the richest in United States criminal history.

#### Mysterious Figure

Sawyer, say the dispatches, as successor to "Dapper Dan" Hogan, in the St. Paul underworld, long has been a mysterious figure shadowed behind the numerous crimes of the Barker-Karpis and John Dillinger gangs, both of which have been virtually wiped out by government gunfire.

Authorities have known him as an ally of Homer Van Meter, the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, George (Baby Face) Nelson and other desperadoes.

Sawyer disappeared from St. Paul shortly after Edward G. Bremer was snatched on January 17. A search began immediately, while his activities cleared. He is now revealed, it is said, as the guiding hand behind at least two kidnapings and behind bank raids in which the loot amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

#### U. S. Took Case

Bremer was released February 7, 1934, on payment of the \$300,000 ransom. St. Paul police picked Sawyer up immediately, but reported he cleared himself. Then he disappeared, federal agents took over the case under the Lindbergh kidnaping law, and he was indicted with a score of others for complicity.

Ten of the persons accused are on trial today in the St. Paul federal court. Testifying this week Wynona Burdette, friend of the indicted Harry Campbell who is still at large, said that prior to the crime she, with other members of the gang, visited Sawyer at his home.

#### Met In Saloon

Sawyer, who came to St. Paul from Omaha, where he had a criminal record, took over Danny Ho-

gan's saloon and place as reputed leader of the underworld after Hogan was killed by a bomb planted in his automobile. Barker-Karpis gunmen frequently met in the saloon, which was located at 454 Wabash avenue.

Sawyer was indicted January 22, 1935, on a charge of conspiring between December 1, 1933, and May 1, 1934, with Alvin C. Karpis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and others to kidnap Bremer and transport him from St. Paul to Bensonville, Ill., and to hold him there for \$200,000 ransom.

Karpis, Campbell and Davis are still at large. Barker is one of those now on trial in St. Paul.

Other members of the gang have been mopped up by the sharpshooting government men. Arthur Barker was arrested in Chicago last January 8. It is reported he talked, at any rate agents surrounded a cottage in respectable Oklawaha, Fla., a few days later.

"Ma" and Barker and her other son, Fred, were inside. The agents called to them to come out. They cut loose instead, with machine guns. For hours, bullets sprayed. When the shots quieted inside, the agents moved in. "Ma" and Fred were dead.

The pursuit then shifted its intensity to Karpis who, with Campbell, was jumped in Atlantic City January 20, exchanged shots with police, but escaped. The "G" men are on his trail.

#### Known As "Fence"

Sawyer was known widely as an underworld "fence" and, in his St. Paul saloon, was reputed to have handled loot from dozens of bank robberies of the Barker, Karpis and Dillinger gangs. At least two murders and numbers of shootings took place in his saloon and Harvey Bailey and George (Machine Gun) Kelly also have been listed among his associates.

The saloonkeeper is said to have been holding Homer Van Meter's share of the loot of a Sioux Falls, S. D., bank robbery of last year. After a second robbery, Van Meter came to St. Paul to get his money.

"Sealion" Sawyer had fled, Van Meter pressed his claim with survivors of the saloon gang.

Either Sawyer himself, according to authorities, or one of his lieutenants gave police the tip that resulted in the slaying of Van Meter a block from the Minnesota state capital building last September.

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# LONG-SOUGHT SUSPECT IS CAPTURED ON GULF COAST

Harry Sawyer Admits Identity and Will Not Fight Extradition

As the famous Bremer kidnaping trial in St. Paul, Minn., was about to enter its third week, the eyes of the entire nation this morning suddenly shifted to Pass Christian, Miss., and New Orleans as a result of the arrest in the former place last night of Harry Sawyer, known as "Sea Lion," one of the alleged conspirators in the kidnaping, for whom, along with other fugitives in the case, federal operatives have been scouring the nation for more than a year.

Under observation for two days, Sawyer was finally run down and captured in Pass Christian last night by four New Orleans department of justice operatives, headed by David W. McGee, head of the local bureau. He was taken while seated in his automobile by the sea wall in front of a gambling house. Later the federal agents arrested Sawyer's wife from her home in Long Beach, Miss. Both were brought to New Orleans. Officials, however, said they would not charge Mrs. Sawyer in connection with the kidnaping, since a woman cannot be held for harboring a criminal where the criminal is her own husband.

The arrest of Sawyer here leaves only four of the chief conspirators in the Bremer kidnaping still at large. These are Alvin Karpis, alleged ring-leader of the kidnap gang; Arthur "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell.

Edward G. Bremer, Jr., was kidnaped at 9 o'clock on the morning of January 17, 1934. He was held prisoner by the kidnapers for 22 days, at the end of which, on February 9, the ransom was paid and the young banker was restored to his wife and family.

Sawyer, arrested in Pass Christian last night, is specifically charged with having conspired between De-

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## KIDNAP SUSPECT CAUGHT ON COAST

Harry Sawyer Admits Identity and Will Not Fight Extradition

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cember 1, 1933, and May 1, 1934, together with Karpis, Barker, Davis, Campbell and others to transport their victim from St. Paul, Minn., to Bensonville, Ill., and to have held him there for ransom.

On January 24, 1935, a bench warrant was issued for Sawyer and others, and bond fixed at \$100,000.

Shortly before 11 o'clock this morning Sawyer was arraigned before United States Commissioner Reginald H. Carter, Jr., on the conspiracy charge. He admitted his identity, said he was familiar with the charge filed against him in St. Paul and stated he would make no fight against extradition.

Federal officials here were notified just prior to Sawyer's arraignment that the necessary papers for the transfer of Sawyer from New Orleans to St. Paul were on their way here. As soon as possible after the arrival of the papers here Sawyer will be taken back to St. Paul to face trial.

The arrest of Sawyer on the Gulf coast last night followed a quiet investigation conducted by New Orleans department of justice officials, led by Mr. McGee. For two days and nights Sawyer's movements were traced between Pass Christian and Long Beach.

Opened Gambling House

Aiding local officials in the gathering of information against Sawyer were Bill Simpson, deputy sheriff of Harrison county, Mississippi, who works out of Gulfport and A. C. De Metz, a city motorcycle officer of Pass Christian.

These officers, along with other residents of that section, informed Mr. McGee and his operatives several days ago that Sawyer appeared on the Gulf coast, a perfect stranger, last November. Immediately he drew attention to himself by a display of much money. Shortly after his arrival on the coast he established a home for himself and his wife at Long Beach. Later he built a frame structure and put in fixtures, making of it a negro barroom and gambling house.

Not wishing to be identified directly with the establishment, Sawyer employed two residents of that section to manage it in their names.

Reaching the Gulf coast Thursday morning, Mr. McGee and his three aides began laying their plans for the capture of the fugitive. Getting a "line" on their intended prisoner, the federal agents watched his movements quietly until darkness set in last night. He was trailed to Pass Christian from his Long Beach home. He was alone in his automobile.

When Sawyer's car came to a halt near the seawall in front of a gambling house the federal agents, with drawn revolvers, rushed upon him. Caught unawares, Sawyer made no resistance and made no effort to hide his identity.

"It would have been no use for him to deny his identity," said Mr. McGee, for Sawyer's left forefinger is badly mutilated and he has other readily visible scars.

"Yes, I'm Harry Sawyer," said the prisoner. "I'll go along with you quietly."

Since the United States government set its giant machinery upon the heels of the St. Paul kidnapers Sawyer has paraded under a dozen aliases, chief among which was the name Harry Sandlovich, under which name, along with his correct name, he was indicted in St. Paul in connection with the kidnap conspiracy.

Although Sawyer was not regarded as one of the men who first conceived the idea of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, Jr., federal operatives learned that after the conspiracy was conceived he became involved in it. As a matter of fact, say federal agents, it was in one or more of Sawyer's string of saloons in St. Paul that the kidnapers carried on their negotiations with the elder Bremer and friends for the ransom money. Sawyer, according to Mr. McGee, has been in the liquor "racket" nearly all his life, and his saloons in St. Paul were known to have been the haunts of some questionable characters upon whom United States authorities have had an eye from time to time.

In New Orleans Saturday morning Sawyer, though not surly, refused to pose for pictures and refused also to discuss the charge against him. Except to admit his identity and say he will make no effort to fight extradition, he drew away from questioners and refused to discuss any angle of his case.

Wife Captured Before

At one time federal operatives believed they had Sawyer, along with Karpis, Campbell, Arthur Barker and other alleged kidnap suspects, trapped. That was in Cleveland in September, 1934, about eight months after the kidnaping of young Bremer.

Rushing a building with drawn revolvers, federal agents swarmed into the place and arrested several women, among them the wife of Sawyer, now under arrest in New Orleans. It is believed that one or more of the suspects in the Bremer kidnaping case, among them Sawyer, made their escape in that raid. Since then those in the manhunt for the Bremer kidnapers had not laid eyes on him. His movements were traced in several country since the at Pass Christian search for him.

Meantime the Karpis, the alleged kidnapers; Campbell, and others.

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#### Bremer's Story of Kidnap

The member of the wealthy A. J. Bremer family, owners of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, was seized by the kidnapers after he had accompanied his daughter, Betty, to a school in St. Paul. Telling of his terrible experience following the payment of the ransom money and his release by the kidnapers, young Bremer said:

"After taking the baby to school, I drove to the corner of Lexington and Goodrich avenue. As I stopped the left door of the car was opened and an arm was extended with a gun pointing at me. A gruff voice said: 'Don't move or I'll kill you.' 'I quickly put the car to low gear

to cross the street when I saw a car parked directly in front of me. By this time the man who opened the door had got inside my car and was hitting me on the head with the butt of his pistol."

He said he kept his foot outside the door of the car hoping somebody would be attracted to the scene but it was pulled inside and he was shoved under the instrument board.

Shortly after 10 a. m. the same day Walter McGee, wealthy contractor and friend of Bremer, received a telephone call from an unidentified man, who said: "Well, we've got your friend and if you are not careful we'll get you next." Mr. McGee was warned by the man that Bremer would be killed if any effort was made by the Bremer family or any of their friends to communicate with newspapers or the police. He was told a note would be found on his back door step.

Mr. McGee found the note referred to. It was typed and signed in a shaky hand. It demanded \$200,000 for the release of Bremer, who, it said, was being kept in a safe place.

Meantime Bremer was held, blindfolded in a house believed to be in Bensonville, Ill., 25 miles from Chicago. He said he was well treated and given plenty of food, but on one occasion they threatened to chain him if he did not obey orders.

#### Payment of Ransom

Negotiations were carried on with the kidnapers by the elder Bremer, who begged police not to make any attempt to arrest the men holding his son in fear that his son would be murdered.

Following the insertion of several notices in a Minneapolis newspaper and the throwing of a bottle containing two notes through a window of the home of Dr. H. T. Nippert, Adolph Bremer's physician, the ransom money was delivered to the kidnapers. The money, in two black suitcases, was taken by Walter McGee to a lonely road near Faribault, Minn., where he was met by members of the gang.

Bremer was released on the night of February 7 on a dark street in the residential section of Rochester, Minn., after riding in an automobile, according to the victim's estimate, between 10 and 12 hours. The victim then boarded a train and got off in a little town near St. Paul, where he took a bus, arriving at his home in St. Paul at midnight.

Federal agents continued their relentless search for the kidnapers until, one, by one, they picked up eight of them.

In May, 1934, they arrested John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, his son, John, Jr., and two alleged co-conspirators in Chicago. They also arrested Philip Delaney and William Vidler, an ex-convict. All four were charged with having in their possession part of the \$200,000 ransom money.

#### Florida Killings One Result

Then on January 16 of this year the nation was startled by a double killing in Oklawaha, Fla., when a

group of federal department of justice men, on the trail of several of the alleged conspirators, shot to death "Ma" Barker, the "gun-toting" mother of Arthur "Doc" Barker, one of the alleged leaders of the kidnap gang and also killed Fred Barker, her other son.

"Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, were traced to their Florida hideout and when they opened fire upon the advancing agents the latter, after a furious machine-gun fire, slew both mother and son. The woman, who was 55 years old, died with an oath on her lips for the federal agents and a machine gun in her hands. She was actually returning the fire of the agents when a hail of bullets cut her down. Fred Barker's body was found sprawled on the floor with 14 machine-gun slugs in his head and shoulders.

The Florida hide-out of "Ma" Barker and her son was uncovered after associates of Fred Barker, who had been hunting with him, observed a tattoo on his arm and notified authorities.

Shortly before noon today Sawyer was taken to the federal prison on Esplanade avenue. He was transferred from the postoffice building to the prison under heavy armed guard.

## Bremer Kidnaper?

AFTER many months' search, the United States department of justice last night caught up with HARRY SAWYER at Pass Christian, Miss., and are holding him in New Orleans for extradition to St. Paul, Minn., on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. Sawyer hid his face with his handkerchief as he emerged from the federal courtroom and saw a camera pointed at him.—(New Orleans States photo).



## Alleged Kidnapers in Orleans



Shown in the picture here are some of the principal actors in one of the nation's most dramatic kidnap cases, now on trial in St. Paul, Minn. Eight of the score or more conspirators are before the bar of justice for the kidnaping, on January 17, 1934, of Edward G. Bremer, Jr., 27-year-old president and owner of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, who was held for \$200,000 ransom, which was paid. At top, left to right, are: ALVIN KARPIS and ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, still at large, and HARRY "SEA LION" SAWYER, arrested last night in Pass Christian, Miss., by New Orleans department of justice operatives and being held here Saturday pending his return to St. Paul for trial. Below, left to right, are: EDWARD G. BREMER, SR., father of the kidnap victim who paid the \$200,000 ransom; EDWARD G. BREMER, JR., the victim, and WALTER M'GEE, wealthy contractor and friend of the Bremers, who figured prominently in the negotiations between the kidnapers and members of the Bremer family. Below is shown the palatial home of the Bremers in St. Paul.



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### ***Suspect in Bremer Kidnaping Held in New Orleans***



—Photo by The Associated Press.  
Arrested Friday night in a gambling house at Pass Christian, Miss., Harry Sawyer, alias "Sea Lion" (with hand over face), under indictment in St. Paul, Minn., for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer (inset, lower left), was brought to New Orleans Saturday and arraigned before the United States commissioner on a charge of being a fugitive from justice from St. Paul. He was placed in the federal jail to be held in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

## FEDERAL AGENTS- CAPTURE SAWYER AT COAST RESORT, BRING HIM TO JAIL

**Alleged Karpis Aid Admits  
Identity, Won't Fight Re-  
moval to Minnesota on  
U. S. Indictment**

**CONNECTION IN CASE  
IS BARED BY ARREST**

**Ex-Underworld Character  
Accused as 'Finger Man'  
in Abduction; 'Harry Not  
Guilty,' Protests Wife**

Harry Sawyer, alias "Sea Lion," under indictment in St. Paul, Minn., in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, was placed in the federal jail here Saturday pending orders for his removal to St. Paul to face the charges.

Sawyer, a former St. Paul underworld character, told agents of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice that he had been living on the Mississippi coast since Thanksgiving Day, 1934.

He was arrested Friday night by agents of the bureau of investigation, who called him out of a small night club in Pass Christian, Miss.

Mrs. Sawyer voluntarily accompanied federal agents to New Orleans after they had taken Sawyer to his home at Long Beach, Miss., and searched the premises.

### Find Pistol in Home

"We found nothing of importance in Sawyer's house," said David W. McGee, special agent in charge of the bureau here.

"We did find a small automatic pistol, such as a person would be expected to keep in his home for protection against burglars, but there were no other weapons in the place," McGee added.

Sawyer was arraigned Saturday before United States Commissioner R. H. Carter, Jr. He readily admitted his identity, said that he knew about the indictment in St. Paul charging him with conspiracy in the kidnaping and announced that he would not fight against removal to St. Paul.

Sawyer was indicted with Alvin Karpis, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and others alleged to be involved in the kidnaping case.

Barker, Karpis, Davis and Campbell still are at large.

To safeguard against any chance of any of the alleged ringleaders in the kidnaping case attempting to deliver Sawyer, a carload of heavily armed federal agents trailed the United States marshal's patrol wagon, which took Sawyer from the postoffice Saturday to the federal jail, where he will be held until his removal is ordered.

Mrs. Sawyer, who was married to the kidnap suspect in St. Paul in 1923, was released by federal authorities Saturday.

As she left the postoffice building, she told newspapermen, "Harry is not guilty of that awful charge. I know that Harry is innocent of the charges, and I have faith that he will be freed. I am glad that Harry is going back to face the charges."

"It is just another example of the results of bad companions," she added.

### Will Return to St. Paul

Mrs. Sawyer announced that she would go to Pass Christian and get her auto and then would get other possessions from her home at Long Beach and return to St. Paul.

"I expect to be there ahead of Harry and to arrange for his fight for freedom," she said.

Announcement of Sawyer's arrest was the first public notice that he actually was charged with participating in the kidnap procedure. At Washington authorities said that Sawyer is alleged to have been the "finger man" in the kidnaping of Bremer.

"Records show," said McGee,

## SAWYER, BREMER KIDNAP SUSPECT, IS JAILED IN CITY

**Alleged Karpis Aid Seized  
on Mississippi Coast  
by U. S. Agents,**

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"that Sawyer has a long crime record. Sawyer came to St. Paul from Omaha and was once associated with the notorious Danny Hogan, reputed gang leader who was slain when a planted bomb in his automobile radiator exploded. After Hogan's death Sawyer took over Hogan's saloon."

### Released After Questioning

Sawyer was arrested and questioned by St. Paul police after Bremer was released by kidnapers on February 7, 1934, on payment of \$200,000 ransom. Sawyer was released by the police, who announced that he had cleared himself of any connection with the crime.

Subsequently, in January, 1935, Sawyer, Alvin Karpis and more than 30 other persons were indicted for the kidnap offense.

Ten of the persons accused in the kidnaping indictment are on trial in federal court at St. Paul.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation, announced that Sawyer would be removed to St. Paul without delay to face trial.

### Copy Mailed

A copy of the indictment against Sawyer has been mailed to New Orleans, and it is expected that as soon as the indictment arrives Sawyer will be ordered removed by a federal judge here.

Wynona Burdette, friend of Harry Campbell, named in the indictment, but at large, testified in the trial at St. Paul that prior to the kidnaping of Bremer, she and other members of the gang visited the St. Paul home of Sawyer.

Mrs. Sawyer and the Burdette woman were arrested in Cleveland, in connection with the case, agents said, but both women were released. Later the Burdette woman was sentenced to serve five years' imprisonment on pleading guilty to harboring Alvin Karpis and Campbell.

#### Barker's Kin Slain

The ~~Burdette~~ woman allegedly was with Alvin Karpis and Campbell when that pair shot their way to freedom in a gun battle with Atlantic City police in January, 1935.

The mother and a brother of Arthur "Doc" Barker were slain in a raid at Oklawaha, Fla., a few days after the Atlantic City gun battle.

One other member of the gang, Henry Gibson, was slain by federal agents when Doc Barker was captured.

The arrest of Sawyer was brought about indirectly by Deputy Sheriff Bill Simpson and Motorcycle Officer A. C. DeMetz of Pass Christian, federal operatives said.

#### U. S. Probe Launched

Those two officers became suspicious of Sawyer when he established a negro gambling club near Pass Christian and set two men up in business. They reported the matter to federal officers who started an investigation. Sawyer, they reported, drove around in a car bearing an Illinois license and "always had plenty of money and was a big spender."

Federal men quietly observed Sawyer for several days before arresting him. The suspect fitted the description of Sawyer, even to a smashed left forefinger. After Sawyer entered a small club in Pass Christian Friday night, completely covered by federal men, someone was asked to call him outside.

Sawyer came out to talk with the federal officers, who identified themselves. He offered no resistance to arrest.

#### Changed Name

Sawyer's real name is Sandlovich, according to dispatches from Lincoln, Neb., where members of his family still reside. Before Sawyer left Lincoln he pleaded guilty in 1915 to charges of robbery with explosives and was given a three-year bench parole.

Sawyer told agents here that he had had his name legally changed from Sandlovich.

Arrest of Sawyer marks apprehension of 13 of the persons named in the kidnap indictment. Byron Bolton has pleaded guilty to the charges and Bruno (Whitie) Austin is being held in jail at St. Paul on the charges.